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Central Coast District Office - (707) 944-5548

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Southern District - (760) 947-8859

Southern District Office - (562) 799-8381

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www.dfg.ca.gov/huntered/index.html

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The full text of California's hunting regulations can be found in Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, and in the California Fish and Game Code. Both can be found on the Fish & Game Commission Web site at www.fgc.ca.gov/html/regs.html. Printed copies of the regulations are also available at DFG offices and license agents.

DFG's Sacramento License Sales Office Has Moved

DFG's License and Revenue Branch is now located at 1740 N. Market Blvd., in the North Natomas area of Sacramento. The new phone number is (916) 928-5805.

Directions from I-5: Exit at Arena Blvd; travel east, toward Arco Arena, approximately 1.5 miles. Arena Blvd. becomes N. Market Blvd. Turn right into the parking lot.



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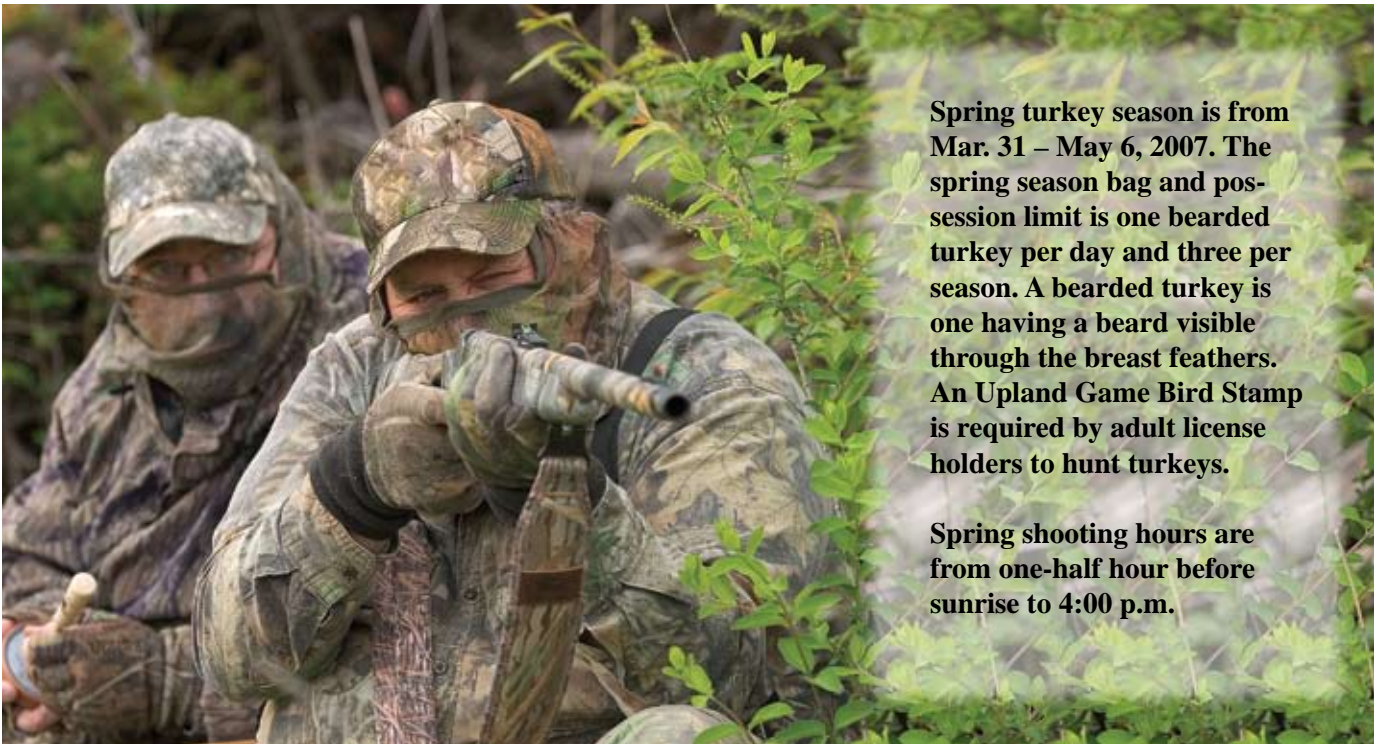
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Spring turkey season is from Mar. 31 – May 6, 2007. The spring season bag and possession limit is one bearded turkey per day and three per season. A bearded turkey is one having a beard visible through the breast feathers. An Upland Game Bird Stamp is required by adult license holders to hunt turkeys.

Spring shooting hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to 4:00 p.m.

Spring 2007 Turkey Hunting

There are an estimated 240,000 wild turkeys in California. According to the DFG Annual Hunter Survey, between 22,000 – 25,000 turkeys were taken annually during the years 2002, 2003, and 2004. The numbers of wild turkeys appears to be stable in California and a similar number of turkeys is expected to be taken this year.

In California, the Rio Grande turkeys are found in the blue oak covered foothills and sometimes in the Central Valley river bottom habitat. When scouting an area for turkey sign look for tracks, feathers, scratching, dusting areas and droppings. Look for dusting areas with tracks in them or roost trees with droppings and feathers under them. In dry areas, search around water sources for turkey tracks. The best times to look or listen for turkeys include the early morning hours from one-half hour before sunrise until mid-morning, and late in the evening as the turkeys go to roost.

The male turkey gobbles primarily for two reasons: to attract hens for breeding purposes, and asserting dominance. Although more common in the spring, gobblers can be heard throughout the year.

Turkeys also “yelp.” Both gobblers and hens, as well as young turkeys (jakes and jennies) will use one form

or another of the yelp, often as a basic communication call.

There are many different types of yelps, ranging from quiet tree yelps made by hens while still on the roost, to louder, coarse gobbler yelps made by both adult and juvenile males. The translation of any yelp depends largely on the call’s volume, intensity, cadence or rhythm, and frequency, or how often it’s repeated or the length of the call’s duration. A tree yelp, for instance, may contain only three or four low-volume calls, while a turkey that’s become separated from the flock may yelp 18 or 20 times in a row, and with much more enthusiasm and volume.

If you do not hear gobblers calling, try a crow call, owl call, shock call, or predator call in early morning or just before dark. Gobblers will often respond, giving away their location.

The most effective way to call a spring gobbler is by reproducing the sounds a hen makes. The easiest calls to master are the friction calls (box, peg and slate, peg and glass, or push button). Diaphragm mouth calls are the most versatile calls but require much practice.

Beginners should remember that it is better to call too softly than too loudly, and to call too rarely than too frequently. Timing, or rhythm, can be more important than the actual quality of sound.

The best camouflage clothing is both protective and comfortable. Hands, face, and gun should be camouflaged. The illusion of depth is the key to great camouflage clothing. Earth tone colorations and careful arrangement of simulated limbs, leaves, sticks, and twigs in clothing can make one disappear into the surrounding terrain. Never wear clothing that contains the colors red, white, or blue because they can be mistaken for colors found on wild turkeys.

Shot size used to hunt wild turkeys is typically #4, #5, or #6. A turkey hunter shoots for a specific spot on the bird, namely the head and neck. Multiple pellet hits in this area is the best way to bag a wild turkey.

Jakes are one-year old or younger toms which have spent the fall establishing dominance among themselves. They usually avoid the older toms and come silently to a hen call.

Most of us would like to shoot the biggest, oldest gobbler. He is likely to be the dominant one within a flock. When watching a small group of gobblers in the spring as they approach a hen or come to your calling, look for the long beard that does most or all of the strutting. The other gobblers around the dominant bird will often strut, too, but usually they will not strut as long or as fully fanned.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys With a Reservation

(Reservations may only be required for the first weekend or first few days of turkey season.)

Spenceville Wildlife Area (11,213 acres) and **Daugherty Hill WA** (4,200 acres) - Both Type C wildlife areas are 20 miles east of Marysville. Permits issued by drawing at the DFG, Region 2 office for Sat., Sun., and Wed., for the first 9 days of spring turkey season. Non-reservation public hunting begins Mon., Apr. 9, 2007. For maps call DFG Region 2 at (916) 358-2882. Hunt Dates: Mar. 31; Apr. 1, 4, 7, & 8; 2007.

Oroville Wildlife Area (11,871 acres -Type C Area) West of Oroville CA. All spring turkey hunting by reservation only. No fall turkey hunting on this area. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2882. Hunt Periods: Mar. 31-Apr.1, Apr. 14-15, and Apr. 28-29, 2007.

How to Apply for Spenceville, Daugherty Hill and Oroville WA's: Use the application in this issue or fill out a standard, 4x6 US postal card with the hunter's name, address, phone and hunting license number. Include which area you are applying for and your choice of hunt dates in order of preference. Up to 4 hunters may apply per postcard and all must include their hunting license number. For

the Daugherty Hill WA, please note a preference for the Daugherty Hill, Donovan Hill, or Darby Road Units. You may submit only one application for each of the three wildlife area drawings. Send completed postcards to: DFG, GBH Special Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, California 95670. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Wed., Mar. 7, 2007 and the computer drawing will be held on Thurs., Mar. 8, 2007. Each successful applicant will receive a permit, map and instructions by Mar. 13, 2007 via mail. Successful applicants will also be posted at the address listed above. Forty spaces per day are available at Spenceville WA, 21 per day at Daugherty Hill WA and 15 per hunt period at Oroville WA.

Lake Mendocino. A series of two junior and six general wild turkey hunts, by permit only, are scheduled to begin Mar. 27, 2007 at Lake Mendocino east of Ukiah. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S.A.C.E.) is providing this hunting opportunity in cooperation with the DFG. Five hunters will be drawn for each hunt. Boat-in access only.

Junior Hunts: Sat., Mar. 31st and Sat., Apr. 14. Junior hunters must possess a junior hunting license and must be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years old. Two junior hunters may apply together on one application. No

more than two hunters may apply on one application. Only the junior hunters may hunt.

General Hunts: Hunts dates are as follows: Apr. 3, 5, 7, 10 and 12. The general hunts are open to anyone with a California hunting license, have submitted an application, and have been drawn.

Applications: Applicants may apply for one hunt date only. Submit a standard Postal Service size post card (one or two hunters per card) with name, mailing address, telephone number, hunting license number, boat registration number (CF) or vessel description if exempt from registration, and the hunting date of choice. Incomplete applications or applications not following these guidelines will be disqualified from the drawing. Mail to: DFG, Lake Mendocino Spring Turkey Hunt, P.O. Box 602, Willits, CA 95490. Successful applicants will be notified by mail. **Drawing:** All applications must be received in the Department Mendocino Northern Lake County Unit office by Thurs., Mar. 1, 2007 for a drawing to be held on Fri., Mar. 2.

Access: Boat-in access is available from the south boat ramp (7 a.m.-sunset). Hunters may also launch at the north launch ramp at any time of day if they have already checked in at the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office. No vehicle or horse-in hunting will be allowed.

Check In: All successful applicants must check in at the U.S.A.C.E.,

The "ABCs" of Wildlife Areas and Federal Refuges

Type A and B Wildlife Areas - These are the high quality waterfowl/pheasant areas with check stations that are located throughout the state. As a rule, hunting is on Saturdays, Sundays, and Wednesdays during waterfowl season. The Type A areas require a daily pass (\$14.25), a 2-day pass (\$24.25), or a Type A season pass (\$112.25). The Type B areas require the Type A or B season pass (\$37.25).

Other types of hunting such as dove, deer, and rabbits are also available on many of these areas.

The Type A areas include: Colusa NWR, Delevan NWR, Sacramento NWR, Sutter NWR, Gray Lodge WA, Yolo Bypass WA, Upper Butte Basin

WA (Howard Slough, Little Dry Creek and Llano Seco Units), Grizzly Island WA, (also see Type B list), Los Banos WA, Mendota WA, Volta WA, San Luis NWR, Merced NWR, North Grasslands WA (China Island, Gadwall and Salt Slough Units), Imperial WA (Wister Unit), Kern NWR, Salton Sea NWR, and San Jacinto WA.

The Type B areas include: Grizzly Island WA (Gold Hills, Goodyear Slough, and Island Slough Units), Ash Creek WA, Butte Valley WA, Honey Lake WA, Shasta Valley WA, and Willow Creek WA.

Type C Wildlife Areas - These are the majority of the wildlife areas and there is no fee charged for hunting these areas.

Hunting days are usually daily and permits are not needed except for the busy days, e.g., first nine days of the spring turkey hunt at the Spenceville and Daugherty Hill Wildlife Areas or a Sat., Sun., Wed., schedule such as at the Clifton Court Forebay. There are dozens of these wildlife areas located throughout the state where hunters can hunt rabbits, dove, tree squirrels, deer, quail, wild turkey, and waterfowl and more any day of the week during legal seasons with some exceptions. Read the *California Hunting and Other Public Uses on State and Federal Areas* for more information on the hunting/fishing opportunities available on the many wildlife areas by calling the DFG Regional Offices listed on page 2.

1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482-9404, prior to their hunt. Selected participants for the two junior hunts and the one general hunt on the 7th of Apr. must check in the Friday preceding their hunt by 4:30 p.m., or from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. on the morning of their Saturday hunt. All other general hunters can check in the night before or the day of their hunt between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For any questions regarding the check-in process, camping, or hunt area access, please call the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office at (707) 462-7581.

Take Method: Shotgun or air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum) only.

Lake Sonoma - 14 miles west of Healdsburg. Fall and spring turkey hunting by reservation only. See application information below or contact the DFG, Region 3 at (707) 944-5500. Archery and crossbow pig hunting is available.

Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt-Liberty Glen - Drawing Open to All. Hunt Date: Apr. 7 and 8, 2007 Contact: (707) 944-5537 or 944-5547. How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. Applicants may apply for only one hunt day in each season. Fill out a postcard with the hunter's name, address, phone number, hunting license number and hunt date for which you are applying. Send completed postcards (one name per card) to: DFG, Lake Sonoma Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00 pm on Thursday, Mar. 8, 2007 and the drawing will be held on Friday, Mar. 9, 2007.

Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt - Yorty Creek - Hunt Dates: Mar. 31 and Apr. 1, 2007. Contact: (707) 944-5537 or 944-5547. How to Apply: Ten hunters will be drawn for each hunt, and each junior hunter can take one (1) hunting guest. The junior hunter can take either another licensed junior hunter or an adult hunter. Two junior hunters must be accompanied by an adult. Fill out a postcard with the junior hunter's name, address, phone

number, hunting license number and hunt day requested. Send completed postcards to: Department of Fish and Game, Lake Sonoma "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt, PO Box 47, Yountville, CA 94599. All applications must be received by 5:00pm on Thursday, Mar. 8, 2007 and the drawing will be held on Friday, Mar. 9, 2007.

University of California at Browns Valley "Junior" Spring Turkey Hunt - The University of California Field Station is located 20 miles east of Marysville. This is the only hunting offered during the spring season. Fifteen openings for junior hunters are available for each of the 4 hunt days of Apr. 14-15 and 27-28, 2007. Volunteer guides may be available. See application in this issue.

Cache Creek Wildlife Area (3,860 acre of DFG land) and **Cache Creek Management Area** (85,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake, Yolo and Colusa Counties. Habitat: Oak grassland and dense chaparral. There are 3 access points. 1. North Fork Cache Creek Trailhead; from Interstate Highway 5 at Williams, go west on Highway 20 approximately 33 miles to the parking lot on the south side of the road. The entrance is immediately past where Highway 20 crosses over North Fork Cache Creek. From Highway 101 at Calpella, go east on Highway 20 about 48 miles to the parking lot. 2. Langs Peak Road Access; take Highway 16 south of Highway 20 to County Road 40. Follow the winding switchbacks for 4.5 miles to Langs Peak Road. Langs Peak road is a 4WD road. 3. Davis Street Access; take Highway 53 south off Highway 20 to 40th Avenue and turn left at the stop light. Make immediate left and follow to Davis Street. Access is to the left of the Clearlake landfill entrance. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA and mtn. quail, mourning dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. An entry permit for hunting, issued by special drawing by the DFG, is required for the first two days of the spring turkey season. The Payne Ranch (13,000 acres) was recently purchased to improve habitat for wildlife and the tule elk herd. Call the BLM Ukiah

office at (707) 468-4000 for a detailed map or the DFG at (916) 358-2882.

Cache Creek Management Area Spring Wild Turkey Hunt: Drawing Open to All. Wild turkey hunts for the opening weekend of the spring wild turkey season at Cache Creek Wildlife Area (DFG) and Cache Creek Management Area (BLM) on Mar. 31-Apr. 1, 2007 will be by permit only, with 40, 2-day permits issued by special drawings. Hunting open to all on Apr. 2. Drawing: All applications must be received by 5:00 pm, Wednesday, Mar. 7, 2007 to be included in the drawing on Mar. 8, 2007. Applications: Only one application per hunter. Two hunters may apply on one application. Submit a standard Postal Service size postcard (one or two hunters per card) with name & mailing address, telephone number, and hunting license number of each hunter. Mail to: DFG, Cache Creek Spring Turkey Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Rd., Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA, 95670. Successful applicants will be issued a permit by mail. Additional information and a map of the hunt area will be included.

Tejon Ranch Junior Hunt— Tejon Ranch is located south of Bakersfield in the Tehachapi Mountains. Ten free guided hunts are scheduled for juniors only, three hunters on Apr. 3, three hunters on Apr. 5, two hunters on Apr. 10 and two hunters on Apr. 12, 2007. The DFG, in cooperation with Tejon Ranch, released the Merriam's subspecies of wild turkey on the Tejon Ranch in 1989. They have adapted well to the habitat, and large flocks now populate the ranch. For application instructions see below.

Millerton Lake State Recreation Area Archery Only Hunt – This hunt area is located on the Fresno County side of Millerton Lake. This hunt is not recommended for the novice or inexperienced hunter. Hunting wild turkeys with archery equipment is considered extremely difficult, even by experienced archery turkey hunters. There are seven archery only hunts. Each hunt is one week long (seven days), except the last hunt (May 12-20, 2007) which is nine days long, and are scheduled for

Mar. 31- Apr. 6, 2007, Apr. 7-13, 2007, Apr. 14-20, 2007, Apr. 21-27, 2007, Apr. 28-May 4, 2007, May 5-11, 2007, and May 12-20, 2007. Hunters under 18 years of age must be accompanied by an adult (18 years of age or older). All hunters selected for this hunt will be required to attend a mandatory safety and orientation meeting on Saturday, Mar. 24, 2007, at 9:00 a.m., at the Millerton Lake District Office. A limit of one bearded turkey per hunter will be in effect during this special hunt. The hunting area has both walk-in and boat-in access. Hunters will be required to pay a \$7 State parks and Recreation Area entrance fee per day (waived in lieu of a \$125 annual State Parks pass).

How to Apply for Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake Hunts - To be eligible for the drawing, hunters must submit in writing their choice of hunts listed in order of preference. Hunters will be selected by a random computerized drawing for one hunt only. Applications may include up to two hunters applying as a party. When applying for the hunts, provide the following information for yourself and your guest: Name, address, daytime and evening time phone numbers, 2006-2007 hunting license number, and hunt location (e.g., "Tejon"), and date in order of preference. Hunters may only apply once, either as an applicant or guest for each hunt. Submitting multiple applications will disqualify you from the drawing. Please make your selection(s) carefully. Changes can not be made after the drawing.

Applications must be returned to: Game Bird Heritage Program Turkey Hunts, DFG, 1234 East Shaw Ave., Fresno, California 93710. Applications must be received by Friday, Mar. 9, 2007, at 5:00 p.m. to be eligible for the drawing. Only successful applicants will be notified with additional information about their hunt. For additional information about the hunts, contact the DFG, Game Bird Heritage Program at (559) 243-4005, extension 133. The Game Bird Heritage Program, Tejon Ranch and Millerton Lake State Parks and Recreation Area are pleased to offer these special hunts to the public.

Places to Hunt Wild Turkeys Without a Reservation

Feather River Wildlife Area - Type C Area - Units are located 23-28 miles north of Sacramento on both sides of the Feather River. This WA is occasionally flooded during spring turkey season. The Lake of the Woods Unit (700 acres) is located 25 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Marysville on Feather River Boulevard. Walk-in access is south from the Star Bend Fishing Access. The Nelson Slough Unit (800 acres) is located 23 miles north of Sacramento, 17 miles south of Yuba City and under the Highway 99 Feather River Bridge. Access is east or west on Sacramento Avenue. The O'Connor Lake's Unit (471 acres) and the Abbott Lake Unit (439 acres) are 30 miles north of Sacramento and 10 miles south of Yuba City at the east end of Star Bend Road. Park on top of the levee at the end of Star Bend Road. For maps call DFG, Region 2 at (916) 358-2882.

Lake Oroville State Recreation Area - The majority of the Recreation Area lands consists of a narrow strip surrounding Oroville Lake extending a minimum of 300 feet from the high water line to one-half mile or more in some areas. Some U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands adjoin the Recreation Area. Hunting on or from the water surface of Lake Oroville is prohibited. For a map contact the Lake Oroville State Recreation Area, 400 Glen Drive, Oroville, CA 95966 or call (916) 538-2200 or 538-2219.

State Game Refuge 1G in Tehama County is open for spring turkey hunting - 45 miles east of Red Bluff via Hwy 36. State Game Refuges are normally closed to all hunting. For a map call DFG, Region 1 at (530) 225-2300.

Tehama Wildlife Area (44,601 acres - Type C Area) - Open for hunting all year except that no person shall enter that portion of the Tehama Wildlife Area lying south of Antelope Creek during the period beginning on the first Monday in December through the last Friday in Mar.. Habitat is rolling hills covered with oak trees and brush. All of the area is open for turkey hunting.



Photo courtesy of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

No pig hunting except during February/Mar. by *use permit* only. Deer, wild turkey, coyotes, and CA quail, are popular game species. Located 23 miles east of Red Bluff via Hwy 36. Call (530) 597-2201 for a map or info.

Black Butte Lake (3000 acres) - 25 miles west of Chico via Highway 32 and Newville Road. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 19225 Newville Road, Orland, CA 95963 or call (530) 865-4781.

Auburn State Recreation Area (30,000 acres) - South of Interstate 80 near Auburn. Hunting is allowed from Sept. 1 to Jan. 31 and spring turkey season. Only shotguns, rifles or bows and arrows may be used. Popular game species include deer, valley quail, dove, band-tailed pigeon and wild turkey. Write the Auburn State RA, CA Dept. of Parks and Recreation, 501 El Dorado St., Auburn, CA 95604 or call (530) 885-4527/988-0205 for maps and information. Hunting is allowed in specific areas.

New Hogan Lake (400 acres) - 30 miles east of Stockton. For a map contact the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 2713 Hogan Dam Blvd., Valley Springs, CA 95252 or call (209) 772-1343.

Mendocino NF east of Covelo (Mendocino County) and in the Lake Pillsbury area (Lake County). For a map

contact the Mendocino NF, 825 North Humboldt Ave., Willows, CA 95988 or call (530) 934-3316.

Indian Valley Wildlife Area (1,600 acres of DFG land) and Indian Valley Management Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Colusa Counties -Habitat: Dense chaparral with small scattered pockets of oak grassland. Access: About 27 miles west of Williams or 14 miles east of Clearlake Oaks on Highway 20 to Walker Ridge Road. Travel north on Walker Ridge Road to Indian Valley Reservoir. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, waterfowl, CA and mtn quail, dove, tree squirrel, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. The BLM has developed two campgrounds with water and restroom facilities. A boat ramp is available at the north and south ends of the lake. Warmwater fishing in the reservoir for largemouth bass, crappie, rainbow trout, bluegill and catfish. Cache Creek below the reservoir is planted with brown trout and is open during trout season. BLM in Ukiah at 707 468-4000.

Cow Mountain Recreation Area (50,000 acres of BLM land) in Lake and Mendocino Counties. Habitat: Rugged chaparral with some oak woodland. Access from Ukiah, 5 miles via Talmage and Mill Creek roads. Access from Lakeport, 5 miles via Scott Creek Road which is a rugged unimproved dirt road, and is closed during the winter due to impassable high water. Because these roads are narrow and winding with steep slopes, large recreational vehicles and travel trailers are not recommended. The rifle range, located just north of the Willow Creek Day Use Site, has been developed specifically for target shooting. There are 5 camping areas. The 27,000 acre North Cow Mountain RA is closed to Off-Highway Vehicles. The 23,000 acre South Cow Mountain Off-Highway Vehicle RA has developed roads for OHV recreation. Open to hunting all year during legal seasons. Deer, bear, wild pig, coyote, wild turkey, CA quail, dove, tree squirrel, band-tailed pigeon, cottontail and jackrabbit are present. Bureau of Land Mgt in Ukiah (707) 468-4000.

Proper Use of Turkey Decoys

By the National Wild Turkey Federation

- A decoy should never be visible while being transported; cover it.
- Whenever possible, set-up by a “stand” tree that is wider than your shoulders and taller than your head.
- From your seated position, identify the clearest line of vision to your front. Establish a “sight line” that allows you 100 yards visibility. Then set your decoy(s) approximately 20 yards from your position on the line.
- Should you see another hunter (especially if he/she is close to your “line of sight”) call out to them in a loud, clear voice. Their presence has already compromised your location and a “soft” call may only confuse them, rather than alerting them to your presence.
- If you are calling over decoys and then elect to move to a new location, check carefully to ensure that no one is stalking your decoys. Check before leaving your “stand” tree. Should you see someone in the area, call out to them in a loud, clear voice.

Horseshoe Ranch Wildlife Area

– Hunting daily during hunting seasons
– Type C wildlife area – 8600 acres of oak woodland. Location about 14 miles north of Yreka near the Oregon border. California and mountain quail, mourning dove, deer and black-tailed jackrabbits are present. For a map call (530) 459-3926.

National Forests in the Sierras Nevada Mountains

- The lower elevation areas sometimes have turkeys. Purchase a National Forest map and hike the lowest elevation areas looking for turkey sign in the oak groves.



Photo courtesy of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

State Wildlife Areas Offer Many Hunting Opportunities During Rabbit Season

California hunters are looking forward to another rabbit season. The proposed season begins Jul. 1, 2007 and extends through Jan. 27, 2008 for cottontail, brush, pygmy and snowshoe rabbits. Jackrabbit season remains open year round.

Legal shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. The best time to hunt rabbits is early morning and at sunset, when they're most active. The limit is five per day, and 10 in possession statewide. There is no limit for black-tailed and white-tailed jackrabbits. Most shotguns, archery and rifles (including air rifles firing pellets, excluding BBs, powered by compressed air or gas) are legal for rabbit hunting.

Each year, California hunters report the harvest of about 85,000 cottontails and 75,000 jack rabbits.

Rabbits are famous for speed, which is why they're so much fun to hunt. Jackrabbits hide by "freezing" in cover, but once they're jumped they head for open country. Cottontails run in a big circle after they're jumped, so many hunters will use a dog to trail the rabbit while the hunter waits for it to return. Look for rabbits in brushy, rocky areas where they can hide from predators. Brushy, stream side habitat is also a favorite. Wildlife areas along the major rivers provide some of the best rabbit hunting.

If you are interested in creating brush piles or rock piles for rabbit habitat that will provide game for years to come, call Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068 and ask for tips on where and how to make a wildlife brush pile. A sportsman club or eagle scout project on either public or private lands is a project which will produce wildlife for years to come.

Rabbits vary greatly in size, from less than a pound for a pygmy rabbit, to more than 10 pounds for a white-tailed jackrabbit. There are seven species of rabbit in California.

Hunting Recommendations

The Feather River Wildlife Area units located between Sacramento and Marysville-Yuba City had an abundance of cottontail rabbits in 2006. Bring your shotgun (no rifles or pistols are allowed on Sacramento Valley wildlife areas), be there at daylight, enjoy the sunrise and good hunting. For rifle hunting for jackrabbits try the Spenceville or Daugherty Hill Wildlife Areas.

Most of the DFG's wildlife areas are open to rabbit hunting. There may, however, be restrictions to the method of take. For complete hunting regulations, consult the 2007-2008 California Hunting Regulations, Mammals and Furbearers which may be available at all DFG offices and license agents in June.

Popular Rabbit and Hare Species in California

Black-tailed hare or jackrabbit: The most common in California, this species is found everywhere except high in the Sierra Nevada. It averages 22 inches long and weighs 4 to 6 pounds. Its fur is grayish-brown and its ears—up to 6 inches long—are longer than its hind feet. Black-tails are very good eating, especially when they're young.

Snowshare Hare: Named for its large feet in proportion to its body size, the snowshoe is about 15 inches long and weighs 2 ½ to 4 ½ pounds. It is brown in summer and white in winter. Snowshoes live in mountain riparian habitats ranging throughout the Cascade Mountains in the north and extending through the Sierra Nevada to approximately Mariposa County. Although they are rarely taken by hunters, they're considered excellent eating.

Desert Cottontail: One of the most popular game rabbits, this species averages 15 inches long and 1 ½ to 2 ½ pounds with brown fur, black-tipped ears and a large white tail.

It ranges throughout the southern two-thirds of the state, excluding high elevations, inhabiting streamside, open forest and grassland/shrub habitats. It's also commonly found around urban areas.

Mountain Cottontail: This cottontail is grayishbrown and has long hair inside the ears, with a white tail. It is about 14 inches long, and 1 ½ to 2 ½ pounds. It lives in north-eastern California and along the eastern slope of the Sierra Nevada mountains down to northern Inyo County.

Brush Rabbit: Nicknamed "blue belly" for the bluish fur on its belly, this small gray rabbit is about 13 inches long and weighs 1 to 2 pounds. It lives in dense, brushy areas throughout western California and along the western slopes of the Sierra Nevada. Hunters usually take these rabbits while quail hunting. Some hunters say they are even tastier than cottontails.

Hook & Bullet News

California's Hunting License Turns 100!

Established by the California Legislature in 1907, the California Hunting License is the oldest hunting license in the country. The issuance of the 2007 license will mark the 100th birthday of the California Hunting License.

Coincidentally, the 2007 license will also be the last traditional paper license issued by the DFG. The new Automated License Data System (ALDS) will be piloted in August of 2007 and is expected to be fully operational by 2008. Under the new ALDS, hunting (and fish-



ing) licenses issued by the DFG will take the form of an electronically generated paper receipt instead of a blank paper license that the owner is required to fill out and sign.

To mark the occasion, the license features a "retro" design that incorporates images by watercolor artist K.E. Pack. The special, last-of-its-kind, Centennial License goes on sale in early May at DFG offices and license agents statewide. They will be available until the ALDS system goes on line.

Trout Release Information Available by Telephone

Are you planning a vacation and want to go fishing where you will have a good likelihood of catching some trout? Find out when and where the DFG has, or will be releasing trout by calling the numbers listed below.

Trout planting info covering the area of the western side of the Sierra Mountains from Calaveras County north is at (916) 351-0832; Northern California: (530) 225-2146; the Coastal Counties from Mendocino to San Luis Obispo: (707) 944-5581, San Joaquin Valley and Southern Sierra: (559) 222-3761, and Southern California is (562) 594-7268.

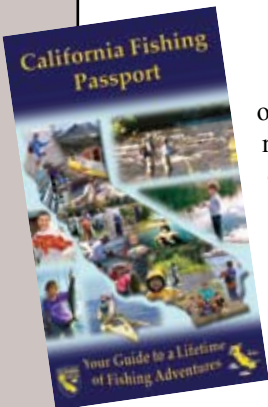
Your Passport to Fishing Fun

California is a state of remarkable natural resources and diverse outdoor recreational opportunities. With 1,100 miles of ocean coastline, 220,000 square miles of ocean waters, 4,172 lakes and reservoirs, 29,664 miles of streams and rivers, and 1,800 miles of bay and delta waters, California has more fishing opportunities than any other state in the country.

To help highlight these many waters and to encourage people to more fully experience all of the fishing opportunities that the Golden State has to offer, the California Department of Fish and Game has designed the

California Fishing Passport program. With this program, people will be challenged to fish their way around the state in search of 150 different fish and shellfish species. And like a traveler's passport book, for each successful catch, participants will receive special stamps in their books to mark their accomplishments.

The California Fishing Passport program is one that will appeal to everyone. From the first-time angler who wants to feel the sensation of that first bite...to those who enjoy spending quality time in the outdoors fishing with friends and family...to those who wish to passionately pursue the wide variety of different and unique fishing opportunities that only California can offer... the California Fishing Passport challenge has something for everyone!



Big Game Drawing Deadline: June 4, 2007

Do you plan to apply for antelope, elk, bighorn sheep or deer tags this year? The drawing deadline date for applying is only months away but now is the time to mark your calendar; applications must be received at the License and Revenue Branch (LRB) in Sacramento by 5:00 p.m. June 4, 2007.

Hunting licenses and deer tag applications will be available at DFG offices and license agents by mid-April. You can also pick up a copy of the California Hunting Digest, Big Game Hunting for complete instructions on how to apply.

For more information call the LRB at (916) 928-5805, or visit www.dfg.ca.gov.

Steelhead Fishing Report Cards Due Jan. 31

The DFG reminds steelhead anglers that the law requires that they return their 2006 Steelhead Fishing Report Card by Jan. 31. Although violation of the mandatory return requirement is a misdemeanor, its intent is to provide DFG with sufficient data to monitor and manage California's steelhead populations.

"Unfortunately some anglers see this program and the reporting of their steelhead fishing efforts as a hassle, but their information is critical to maintaining and improving healthy and fishable steelhead populations," said Terry Jackson, coordinator of the Steelhead Report Card Program. "Our goal is to improve California steelhead habitat and populations and to increase steelhead fishing opportunities and success. This requires accurate and complete data from anglers. Steelhead anglers should read their cards carefully, and complete the information as accurately as possible."

The green Steelhead Card is a fishing report, not just a catch report - steelhead anglers must record where and when they fished, even if no fish were caught on a given trip. Those who did not fish for steelhead in 2006 are asked to write "Did Not

Fish" on the card. All cards must be returned, regardless of the number of trips taken.

All wild steelhead must be released unharmed, except in the Smith River. Wild steelhead can be identified by their intact adipose fin (a smaller fin on the back between the larger dorsal fin and the tail). Hatchery reared steelhead may be kept in accordance with the regulations in specific waters and are identified by the absence of the adipose fin and a healed scar where the fin had been. Anglers are encouraged to keep the allowable hatchery steelhead limit.

Steelhead Report Cards should be mailed to:

Department of Fish and Game
Steelhead Fishing Report-Restoration Card
P.O. Box 944209
Sacramento CA 94244-2090

The cards can also be dropped off at any DFG office. In the Sacramento area, the card can be dropped off at 830 S St., in Sacramento. Frequently Asked Questions are addressed at: <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/nafwb/SteelheadReportCardFAQ.html>.

What is a Junior Hunter?

A junior hunter is a person who has successfully completed their hunter education training course and has purchased their junior hunting license before their 16th birthday. The junior license is valid for the current hunting year even though they will pass their 16th birthday during that hunting season. **Buy your junior license before you become 16.**

Junior hunters are issued free entry permits on Type A and B Wildlife Areas and National Wildlife Refuges. The junior hunter must be accompanied by a person at least 18 years old. A person who is at least 18 years may bring up to two junior hunters to hunt with him or her.

Junior hunters are not required to purchase California Upland Game Bird Stamps or California Duck Stamps. A Federal Duck Stamp is required for hunting ducks on and after their 16th birthday. The annual Youth Waterfowl Day is open only to those hunters who have not had their 16th birthday on the event day.

Free Hunting Guides Available



For detailed information about hunting in California, the DFG has a number of free publications, available at DFG offices statewide. They can also be downloaded from the DFG Web site at: www.dfg.ca.gov. Click on the "Publications" link.

All DFG publications can be mailed to your home upon request. Contact your nearest DFG office or email your request to publications@dfg.ca.gov.

Select from:

- FREE** Guide to Hunting Deer in California (87 pages)
- FREE** Guide to Hunting Wild Pigs in California (41 pages)
- FREE** Guide to Hunting Quail in California (99 pages)
- FREE** Guide to Hunting Turkeys in California (40 pages)

Issues Of Concern

DFG Announces Project to Eradicate Northern Pike from Lake Davis

After several years of control and containment efforts at Lake Davis, the DFG formally announced plans to eradicate the predatory, non-native northern pike.

The DFG will again treat the Plumas County reservoir, which is on U.S. Forest Service (USFS) land, some time after Labor Day weekend (Sept. 4, 2007) with CFT Legumine, a new liquid formulation of rotenone, one of the only chemicals licensed to kill fish in California.

This project has been the subject of review since Sept. 14, 2005, which involved a joint Environmental Impact Report/Environmental Impact Statement by DFG and USFS, and extensive outreach to the local community.

Pike are a non-native, invasive species that have devastated the local fishery and have had a subsequent negative impact on the local economy since 1999, when they reappeared after a controversial pike eradication project in October 1997. Despite control and containment efforts since 2000 - approximately 60,500 pike have been taken from the reservoir since then - the pike population continues to grow. If they escape, pike could cause irreversible ecological and economic harm to other areas of the state, including the Sacramento-San Joaquin River Delta.



Get the Lead Out of Condor Range

If you hunt in California condor range, you are being asked to get the lead out. Following reports that lead ammunition is contributing to the high lead levels documented in some wild condors, the DFG and other conservation groups are asking hunters in condor range (parts of the counties of Tulare, Kern, Los Angeles, Ventura, Santa Barbara, San Luis Obispo, Monterey, and San Benito) to remove lead from the area by following a few simple steps:



Brown shading, above, depicts the range of the endangered California

- Retrieve all killed animals (including coyotes and small game) from the field, or
- Hide carcasses or gut piles by burying them, covering them with brush or rocks, or placing them in an inaccessible area, or
- Remove bullets and surrounding impacted flesh when leaving carcasses or gut piles in the field, or
- Use lead-free ammunition, in which case none of the above is needed.



Stop the Quagga Mussel Invasion!

The invasive Quagga mussel has been discovered in California and the public is being asked to help prevent its spread. A public toll-free number, 1-866-440-9530, has been established for boaters and anyone involved with activities on lakes and rivers seeking information on the invasive and destructive Quagga mussels. The toll-free number is available Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Boats are the primary transporters of Quagga mussels. All boaters and anyone connected to freshwater aquatic environments should take the following steps to inhibit the spread of the Quagga mussel:

- Thoroughly wash the hull of each watercraft once it is out of the water, removing all plants and animal material.
- Drain any water through the vessel's hull plug, and ensure the area is dry.
- Ensure the vessel's lower outboard unit is drained and dry.
- Clean and dry any live-well aboard the vessel.
- Empty and dry any buckets.
- Any vessel traveling from Lake Mead or the Colorado River should remain dry and out of water for five days.
- Dispose of all bait in the trash.

A multi-agency taskforce has responded with surface and underwater inspectors to determine the extent of the Quagga threat. Quagga mussels were found in and near Lake Havasu and the multi-agency response team has increased monitoring and inspection locations. For more information on the Quagga mussel response, visit the DFG Web site at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/quaggamussel/>

Hunting & Fishing

California's Wildlife Areas & Ecological Reserves



Above: Johnathon Silva, age 15, after a successful day at the Little Dry Creek junior pheasant hunt.

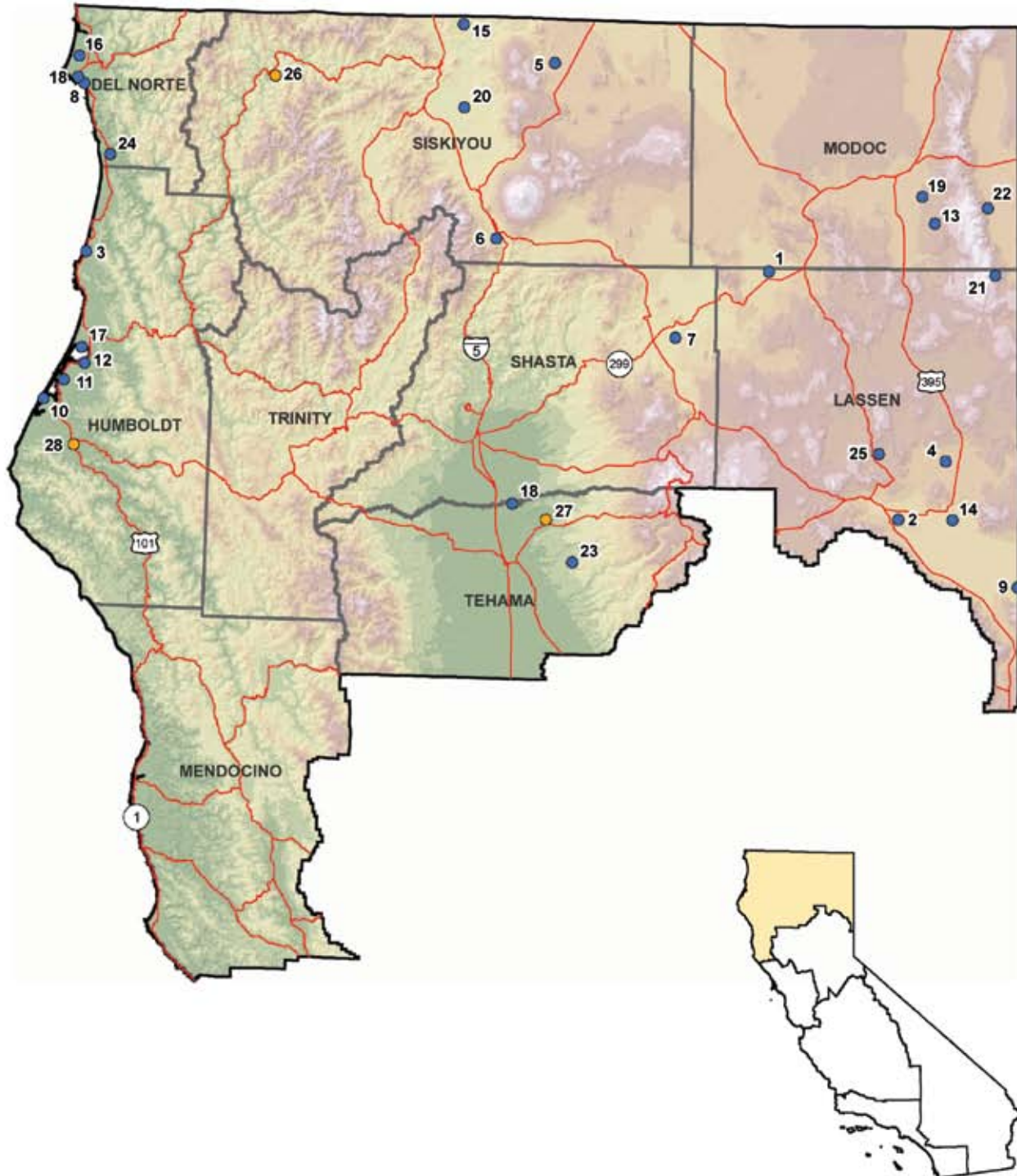
Above right: Dylan Murray and Riley Breslin, both age 14, enjoyed the junior hunt at Grizzly Island Wildlife Area.



The DFG manages over 200 state wildlife areas and ecological reserves totaling more than 850,000 acres. The state acquired these areas to protect and enhance habitat for wildlife species, and to provide the public with wildlife-related recreational uses. Most of the wildlife areas, and more than half of the ecological reserves, are open to hunting and/or fishing.

On the next 12 pages are descriptions of, and directions to, state wildlife areas and ecological reserves that allow either hunting or fishing. The descriptions indicate whether the area has restroom facilities, boat access and/or an information kiosk. Areas that provide disabled access are indicated with a "D." Areas where boat access is limited to hand-carried boats are indicated with an "H." The DFG recommends contacting local offices at the telephone numbers provided to check for area closures and special hunting or fishing opportunities.

Northern Region (1)



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North Region (1)

	Map No.	Phone No.	Hunting	Fishing	Boat Access	InfoCenter/Kiosk	Restroom(s)	Directions
Wildlife Areas								
Ash Creek WA	1	(530) 294-5824	•	•		•	•	Modoc/Lassen Co. Hwy 299, 4 mi NE of Bieber. Area is adjacent to Ash Creek, upstream from Bieber-Lookout Rd.
Bass Hill WA	2	(530) 254-6808	•					Lassen Co. 6 mi southeast of Susanville, adjacent to Hwy 395.
Big Lagoon WA	3	(707) 445-6493	•	•	•	•	•	Humboldt Co. Hwy 101, 3 mi north of Patricks Point, 34 mi N of Eureka.
Biscar WA	4	(530) 254-6808	•	•	•			Lassen Co. Karlo Rd. W of Hwy 395 in Secret Valley.
Butte Valley WA	5	(530) 398-4627	•		•	•	•	Siskiyou Co. 5 mi W of Macdoel & Hwy 97.
Cantara/Ney Springs WA	6	(530) 225-2370		•				Siskiyou Co. 3 mi south of Mt Shasta City on the Sacramento River.
Cinder Flats WA	7	(530) 225-3581	•					Shasta Co. From Redding, 58 mi east on Hwy 299, 4 mi south on Cassel Rd. to Cassel, east 2 mi on Cassel Fall River Rd, then 2 mi north.
Crescent City Marsh WA	8	(707) 464-2523		•				Del Norte Co. Hwy 101 to Sand Mine Rd to Humboldt Rd and Bluff Rd.
Doyle WA	9	(530) 254-6808	•					Lassen Co. 2 mi N of Doyle at Laver Crossing, County Road 346, east of Hwy 395 to Hackstaff Rd.
Eel River WA	10	(707) 445-6493	•	•				Humboldt Co. 6 mi SW of Eureka, off Hwy 101.
Elk River WA	11	(707) 445-6493	•	•				Humboldt Co. 2 mi S of Eureka, E of Hwy 101.
Fay Slough WA	12	(707) 445-6493	•					Humboldt Co. 1.5 mi N of Eureka, off Hwy 101.
Fitzhugh Creek WA	13	(530) 254-6363	•	•				Approximately 12 mi. SE of Alturas. Access limited.
Honey Lake WA	14	(530) 254-6644	•	•		•	•	Lassen Co. From Susanville, proceed N on Hwy 395 approximately 25 mi, turn south on Mapes Rd., proceed 3 mi to DFG Rd., turn east; DFG office is 1.5 mi.
Horseshoe Ranch WA	15	(530) 459-3926	•					Siskiyou Co. 14 mi N of Yreka. Take the Hornbrook exit off I-5 and proceed east (right) on Copco Rd. for 10 mi to the confluence of Scotch and Camp creeks; turn left into the entrance of the wildlife area
Lake Earl WA	16	(707) 464-2523	•	•	•		•	Del Norte Co. 5 mi N of Crescent City
Mad River Slough WA	17	(707) 445-6493	•					Humboldt Co. 1/2 mile west of Arcata, off Samoa Blvd.
Mouth of Cottonwood Creek WA	18	(530) 527-8917	•	•				Shasta Co. 10 mi E of Cottonwood, where Cottonwood Creek enters the Sacramento River. Walk-in access is adjacent to Adobe Rd., Hacienda Rd. intersection
Pine Creek WA	19	(530) 254-6363	•	•				Modoc Co. Hwy 395 S of Alturas to Parker Creek Rd to Road 115 to Pine Creek Rd.
Shasta Valley WA	20	(530) 459-3926	•	•	•	•	•	Siskiyou Co. 8 mi east of Yreka. From Montague proceed 1-1/2 mi E on Ball Mountain/Little Shasta Rd to the area headquarters entrance
Silver Creek WA	21	(530) 254-6363	•	•				Lassen Co. 10 mi south of Eagleville on SE side of Warner Mts.
Surprise Valley WA	22	(530) 233-3581	•					Modoc Co. 9 mi south of Cedarville, on County Road 1
Tehama WA	23	(530) 597-2201	•	•				Tehama Co. 3 mi S of the town of Paynes Creek, on Plum Creek Rd.
Waukell Creek WA	24	(707) 464-2523	•					Del Norte Co. 1 mi S of Klamath on East side of Hwy 101
Willow Creek WA	25	(530) 254-6644	•					Lassen Co. From the town of Susanville proceed 16 mi N on State Route 139
Ecological Reserves								
China Point ER	26	(530) 459-3926	•	•				Siskiyou County. Hwy 96 to Happy Camp, exit Washington Street. East on China Grade Road to reserve. Closed Feb 15 - July 31. Fishing permitted by boats launched and operated in Klamath River.
Dales Lake ER	27	(530) 528-9405	•					Tehama County. Hwy 36 east from Red Bluff. Left on Manton Road. Reserve is 1/2 mile past Dales Station on west side of road.
Headwaters Forest ER	28	(707) 825-2300		•		•	•	Humboldt Co. 6 mi. SE of Eureka off Elk River Road.

North Central Region (2)



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North Central Region (2)

	Map No.	Phone No.	Hunting	Fishing	Boat Access	Info Center/Kiosk	Restroom(s)	Directions
Wildlife Areas								
Antelope Valley WA	28	(916) 358-2900	•					Sierra Co. 4 mi SW of Loyalton
Cache Creek WA	30	(707) 944-5500	•				•	Lake Co. 29 mi W of Williams, S of Hwy 20
Clear Lake WA	31	(916) 358-2900	•	•				W side of Rodman Slough. 1/2 mi N of Nice-Lucerne cutoff road bridge.
Colusa Bypass WA	30	(916) 358-2900	•					Colusa Co. About 1.5 mi N of Colusa between Sacramento River and Butte Creek. From Colusa, go N on River Road for 1.5 mi, then E on Laux Rd. for 1.5 mi to parking area
Coon Hollow WA	33	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Butte Co. 23 mi NE of Paradise, Humbug Summit Rd.
Crocker Meadows WA	34	(916) 358-2900	•					Plumas Co. 2 mi N of Beckworth and Hwy 70
Daugherty Hill WA	35	(916) 358-2900	•					Yuba Co. 17 mi E of Marysville. From Marysville, take Hwy 20 to Marysville Rd; proceed N (left) on Marysville Rd. to Dolan Harding Rd., and then E (right)
Feather River WA	36	(916) 358-2900	•	•	•			Yuba Co. 10 mi S of Marysville and Yuba City on Feather River. Access from Star Bend fishing access on Feather River Blvd
Fremont Weir WA	37	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Yolo Co. 3 mi SE of Knights Landing off CR 116 on the Sacramento River
Gray Lodge WA	38	(530) 846-7500	D	•		•	•	Sutter/Butte Co. From Gridley (Hwy 99) proceed 5 mi W on the Gridley-Colusa Rd, turn S (left) on Pennington Rd. and travel 3 mi to check station
Hallelujah Junction WA	39	(916) 358-2900	•					Sierra Co. Approx. 11 mi E of Loyalton, 1 mile W of the California-Nevada border and roughly bisected by Hwy 395
Heenan Lake WA	40	(916) 358-2900	•	•			•	Alpine Co. Approx. 8 mi SE of Markleeville off Hwy 89 (Restrooms only during fishing season)
Hope Valley WA	41	(916) 358-2900	•	D				Alpine Co. Junction of Hwy 88 and 89 on the Caspian River
Indian Valley WA	42	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Lake Co. 25 mi W of Williams or 14 mi E of Clearlake Oaks off Hwy 20. Go N on Walker Ridge Rd. to Bartlett Springs Rd., turn left to Indian Valley Reservoir
Oroville WA	43	(530) 538-2236	•	•	•		•	Butte Co. W of Oroville and S of Hwy 162, adjacent to Feather River. Thermalito Unit is 5 mi W of Oroville, E of Hwy 99
Red Lake WA	44	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Alpine Co. 1 mi E of Carson Pass and Hwy 88
Sacramento River WA	45	(916) 358-2900	•	•	•			Yolo, Colusa, Glenn, Butte Co. Consists of a number of disjunct units along the Sacramento River separated by private land
Smithneck Creek WA	46	(916) 358-2900		•				Sierra Co. 2 mi SE of Loyalton; Smithneck Rd via Sierra Brooks
Spenceville WA	47	(530) 538-2236	•	•				Yuba Co. 15 mi E of Marysville; 18 mi E on Hwy 20 to Smartsville Rd. Proceed S (right) on Smartsville Road about 1 mi to area
Sutter Bypass WA	48	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Sutter Co. About. 10 mi S of Sutter, where Reclamation Rd. crosses Tisdale Weir
Truckee River WA	49	(916) 358-2900	D	•				Nevada Co. WA consists of 4 units in and downstream of Truckee
Upper Butte Basin WA	50	(530) 982-2169	•	•				Butte, Glenn Co. 11 mi W of Gridley along Butte Creek; 7 Mile Rd and Nelson Rd.; Butte Creek and Hwy 162
Warner Valley WA	51	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Butte, Glenn Co. 10 mi NW of Lake Almanor and Chester; Red Bluff Rd to Warner Valley Rd.
Ecological Reserves								
Butte Creek Canyon ER	52	(916) 358-2900		•	H			Butte Co. Hwy 99 south of Chico. Skyway Road east. Honey Run Road east about 1 mile. Reserve is on the right side of road. Fishing by hand-carried boat permitted Feb 1 - April 30.
Butte Creek House ER	53	(916) 358-2900		•				Butte Co. Hwy 99 S of Chico. Skyway Rd E and N about 35 mi. NE on Humbug Rd about 8 miles. Reserve is on the right.
Cosumnes River ER	54	(916) 358-2900	•	•	H	•	•	From I-5 E on Twin Cities Rd 1 mi to Franklin Blvd. 1.7 mi S on Franklin Blvd to Visitors Center. Fishing by boat only in main channel of Cosumnes River and sloughs accessible from Mokelumne River. Boats launched only from designated sites. Hunting only at designated times, locations; call for details.
North Table Mountain ER	55	(916) 358-2900	•					From State Route 70 exit Nelson Ave/Grand Ave ; E on Grand Ave, N on Table Mtn Blvd to Cherokee Rd; 6 mi on Cherokee Rd to public parking area. Deer and upland game hunting thru Nov 15 and thru spring turkey season.

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Bay Delta Region (3)



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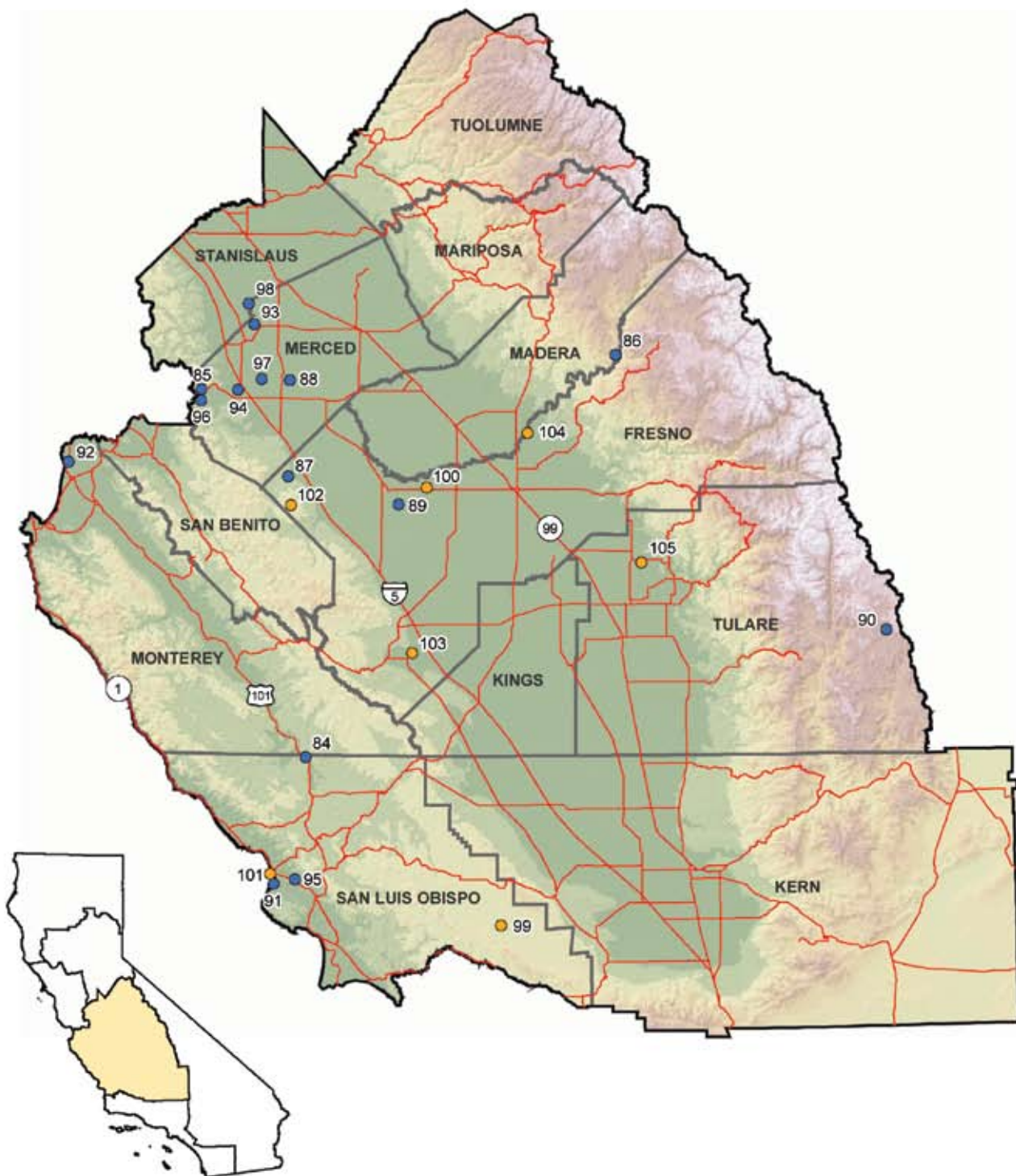
	Map No.	Phone No.	Hunting	Fishing	Boat Access	Info Center/Kiosk	Restroom(s)	Directions
Wildlife Areas								
Cedar Roughs WA	56	(707) 944-5500	•					Napa Co. Located off Pope Canyon Rd., 2.2 mi W of Pope Creek bridge, Lake Berryessa
Decker Island WA	57	(916) 358-2900	•		•			Solano Co. 3 mi S of Rio Vista at the N end of Decker Island on the Sacramento River. Access by boat only
Grizzly Island WA	58	(707) 425-3828	D	D		•	•	Solano Co. Within the Suisun Marsh approximately 10 mi SE of Fairfield. From the cities of Fairfield or Rio Vista on Hwy 12, turn S on Grizzly Island Rd 1 mi E of Fairfield and proceed S 10 mi to the area headquarters. Fishing from boat/shore permitted.
Hill Slough WA	59	(707) 425-3828		•				Solano Co. Hwy 12 to Grizzly Island Rd
Knoxville WA	60	(707) 944-5500	•					Napa Co. 5 mi NW of Lake Berryessa
Laguna WA	61	(707) 944-5500	•	•				Sonoma Co. E of Sebastopol and W of Santa Rosa between Rohnert Park and the Russian River
Lake Berryessa WA	62	(707) 944-5500		•	•			Napa Co. On the east side of Lake Berryessa, from Monticello Dam on the south to Elicurea Creek on the north
Lake Sonoma WA	63	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•		•	Sonoma Co. 11 mi NW of Healdsburg off Dry Creek Rd., and about 4-1/2 mi SW of Cloverdale, off Hot Springs Rd.
Lower Sherman Island WA	64	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Hwy 160 to Sherman Island Rd. to Mayberry Solano Co. Slough near confluence of Sacramento River
Miner Slough WA	65	(707) 944-5500	•	•				Solano Co. about 10 mi N of Rio Vista at the junction of Miner Slough and Cache Slough
Napa-Sonoma Marshes WA	66	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Napa Co. Located W and N of Hwy 37 near the city of Vallejo, E and S of Hwy 121 near the cities of Sonoma and Napa
Petaluma Marsh WA	67	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Sonoma Co. 6 mi SE of Petaluma adjacent to the Petaluma River. Accessible only by boat via the Petaluma River or San Antonio Creek. Public boat ramps are located at the Petaluma Marina and on the west side of the Hwy 37 bridge
Point Edith WA	68	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Contra Costa Co. Located 2-1/2 mi E of Martinez, north of Waterfront Rd. Access by boat only from Suisun Bay
Putah Creek WA	69	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Yolo Co. 10 mi W of Winters of Hwy 128
Rector Reservoir WA	70	(707) 944-5500	•	•				Solano Co. Along the Silverado Trail, S of Rector Reservoir
Rhode Island WA	71	(916) 358-2900	•	•				Contra Costa Co. Accessible only by boat. Waterfowl coot, moorhen only.
San Pablo Bay WA	72	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Marin Co. Located in the mudflats and surrounding San Pablo Bay waters in Marin County, between the mouths of the Petaluma River and Gualinas Creek
White Slough WA	73	(707) 944-5500	•	•				San Joaquin Co. 8 mi W of Lodi. W of I-5 on Walnut Grove, Woodbridge, Cotta and I-5 Frontage Rds
Yolo Bypass WA	74	Yolo Bypass WA	D	•		•	•	Yolo Co approximately 3 mi E of Davis (4 mi W of West Sacramento) off I-80 and Frontage Rd
Ecological Reserves								
Albany Mudflats ER	75	(707) 944-5500		•				Alameda Co. I-80, exit Central Ave W in City of Albany to Reserve.
Atascadero Crk. Marsh ER	76	(707) 944-5500		•				Sonoma Co. Highway 116 to Green Valley Road W. Reserve is on the right.
Bair Island ER	77	(707) 944-5500	•	•				San Mateo Co. SF Bay. Access by boat from Redwood City. Hwy 101, exit Seaport Blvd to launch area. Closed Feb 15-May 20. Waterfowl hunting permitted.
Calhoun Cut ER	78	(707) 944-5500	•	•	•			Solano Co. Access by boat only via Lindsey Slough for fishing, waterfowl hunting.
Del Mar Landing ER	79	(707) 944-5500		•	•			Sonoma Co. Hwy 1 S of Gualala. Access reserve via Bluff Top Trail off Leeward Rd, S of Gualala Point Co Park. Reserve is offshore.
Napa River ER	80	(707) 944-5500		•		•	•	Napa Co, N of Yountville. Hwy 29 exit Oakville Cross Rd E to Silverado Trail. South on Silverado Trail to Yountville Cross Rd. W on Yountville Cross Rd to reserve.
Peytonia Slough ER	81	(707) 944-5500		•	H		•	Solano Co. Access via boat Suisun Slough. Hwy 12 in Suisun City. S on Main St. Left on Kellogg St. to Suisun City Boat Ramp. Fishing from boats permitted.
Redwood Shores ER	82	(707) 944-5500		•	H			San Mateo Co. Hwy 92 in Foster City. Exit 3rd Ave/Foster City Blvd S to reserve at intersect of Foster City & Beach Park.
Tomales Bay ER	83	(707) 944-5500	•	•	H			Marin Co. Hwy 1 N of Pt. Reyes Station near town of Bivalve. Waterfowl hunting permitted. Land closed Mar 1 - Jun 30.

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Central Region (4)



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Central Region (4)	Map No.	Phone No.	Hunting	Fishing	Boat Access	Info Center/Kiosk	Restroom(s)	Directions
Wildlife Areas								
Big Sandy WA	84	(831) 649-2870	•					Monterey and San Luis Obispo Co. 9 mi N of Paso Robles. Entrance to parking lot is reached from Indian Valley Rd. on the east side of the Salinas River
Cottonwood Creek WA	85	(209) 826-0463	•					Merced Co. 36 mi E of Gilroy and NW of Hwy 152
Kinsman Flat WA	86	(559) 243-4005	•					Fresno Co. 15 mi E of the town of North Fork, on Mammoth Pool Rd.
Little Panoche Reservoir WA	87	(209) 826-0463	•	•				Fresno Co. 5 mi W of Hwy 5 and 30 mi W of Firebaugh, on the southern side of Little Panoche Rd.
Los Banos WA	88	(559) 655-4645	D	•	•	•	•	Merced Co. 4 mi NE of Los Banos. From Hwy 152 near the east edge of Los Banos, turn N on Hwy 165; travel N 3 mi and then E (right) on Henry Miller Ave. for 3/4 mile
Mendota WA	89	(559) 655-4645	D	•		•	•	Fresno Co. 3 mi S of Mendota near Whites Bridge. Proceed S and E from Mendota on Hwy 180 3 mi to Whites Bridge.
Monache Meadows WA	90	(559) 655-4645	•	•				Tulare Co. 10 mi SW of Olancha (Jct Hwy 395 and 190) on S. Fork of Kern River
Morro Bay WA	91	(831) 649-2870	•	•	•			San Luis Obispo Co. Western portion of Morro Bay between Fairbank Point and Cuesta-By-The-Sea
Moss Landing WA	92	(831) 649-2870	•	•	•	•		Monterey Co. On N bank of Elkhorn Slough, 1-1/4 mi N of the town of Moss Landing on Hwy 1. Hunting access by boat only.
North Grasslands WA	93	(209) 826-0463	D	•	•		•	Merced Co. 6 mi N of Los Banos. The China Island Unit is located between Newman and Gustine. From Gustine and the intersection of Hwy 33 and 140, travel 1.7 mi N on Hwy 33, turn right onto Canal School Rd., travel 1.4 mi and turn right onto Brazo Rd, travel 0.7 mi and turn left, proceed 1.2 mi. The Galdwall Unit is approximately two mi east of Los Banos at Santa Fe Grade. The Salt Slough Unit is approximately 7 mi N of Los Banos
O'Neill Forebay WA	94	(550) 655-4645	•	•			•	Merced Co. 10 mi W of Los Banos and 2 mi S of Santa Nella, W of Hwy 33
San Luis Obispo WA	95	(805) 541-5755					D	San Luis Obispo Co. Hwy 1, approx 12 mi W of Hwy 101 and 4 mi E of Morro Bay. Public shooting range only.
San Luis Reservoir WA	96	(559) 655-4645	•		•		•	Merced and Santa Clara Co. 30 mi east of Gilroy. Located on the south side of Pacheco Pass, along Hwy 152
Volta WA	97	(559) 655-4645	•	•				Merced Co. 3/4 mi N of Volta on Ingomar Grade. From Hwy 152 take Hwy 33 N to Santa Nella, or from I-5 take the Santa Nella exit and proceed S on Hwy 33; turn E on Henry Miller Ave. and travel E 4-1/2 mi; turn left over the railroad tracks and turn left again and proceed N about 3/4 mi on Ingomar Grade Rd.
West Hilmar WA	98	(209) 826-0463	•					Merced and Stanislaus Co. On the east side of the San Joaquin River, approximately 4mi downstream from Hills Ferry. Access is only by boat Carrizo Plains ER 78 (831) 649-2870 • • D San Luis Obispo Co. Hwy 101 north of SLO, exit Hwy 58 east. Exit Soda Lake S to Painted Rock Ranch Road. Goodwin Education Center (805) 475-2131. Second access at mile marker 45 off Hwy 166. No facilities there.
Ecological Reserves								
Kerman ER	100	(559) 243 4014	•					Fresno Co. Hwy 180, 10 mi E of Mendota. Hwy 180 passes thru reserve. Hunt w/shotgun July 1 - Jan. 31.
Morro Rock ER	101	(831) 649-2870	•					San Luis Obispo Co. Hwy 1, exit Morro Bay Blvd. Right on Harbor Str. Right on Embarcadero. Bear left to Coleman Dr. & Morro Rock. Only area between low tide mark & 10 feet elevation is open to public.
Panoche Hills ER	102	(559) 243-4014	•					Fresno Co. I-5 exit Little Panoche Rd 18 mi W of Mendota. Go W about 12 mi. Take dirt road S of Mercey Hot Springs E to reserve. Contact Region re: seasonal closures.
Pleasant Valley ER	103	(559) 243-4014	•					Fresno Co. Exit I-5 onto Janye Ave. Head W to El Dorado Rd. Turn right, heading N. At intersect of Phelps Ave., turn left and go W approx. 2 to 3 miles until reach an "S" shaped bend in road. Park at gate on S side of road. Access on foot thru gate.
San Joaquin River ER	104	(559) 243-4014		•				Fresno Co. Access, including from river shore, is by permit only. Contact Region at number shown.
Stone Corral ER	105	(559) 243-4014	•					Tulare Co. Yettam Unit-Hwy 63 to 201. E on 201 about 3 mi until power lines cross road, E of Yettam. Reserve on each side. Sequoia Field Unit-Hwy. 63 between Ave 352 and 368. Reserve is W side of Hwy. Access by foot thru gate.

South Coast Region (5)



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Wildlife Areas								
Hollenbeck Canyon WA	106	(858) 467-4201	•					San Diego Co. Approx. 15 miles south of El Cajon, off Highway 94. Turn E on Honey Springs Road. Small DFG parking area provides for day use.
San Felipe Valley WA	107	(858) 467-4201	•					San Diego Co. 10 mi NE of Julian between State Highways 78 and 79. County Hwy S-2 bisects the length of the wildlife area and provides public access
Ecological Reserves								
Batiquitos Lagoon ER	108	(858) 467-4201		•	•			San Diego Co. Hwy 5 in Carlsbad to Poinsettia Ln east; S on Batiquitos Dr. Right on Gabbiano Dr. to reserve.
Boden Canyon ER	109	(858) 467-4201	•		•			San Diego Co. Hwy 78. Reserve is on north side of Hwy 78, about 3 mi north of Ramona. Upland game hunting may be permitted. Contact Regional Office for additional information.
Buena Vista Lagoon ER	110	(858) 467-4201		•	•		D	San Diego Co. Hwy 5. Exit Vista Way west. Left on Pacific Coast Highway to visitors center just south of Eaton Street.
Coal Canyon ER	111	(858) 467-4201	•					Orange Co. Contact Regional Office for additional information.
Rancho Jamul ER	112	(858) 467-4201	•	•				San Diego Co. Hwy 94. Reserve is west of 94 and north of Otay Lakes Road.
San Dieguito Lagoon ER	113	(858) 467-4201		•				San Diego Co. Hwy 5 exit Via de Valle west. South on Grand Avenue/ Jimmy Durante Blvd. East on San Dieguito Drive. Open 8a.m. to 5p.m. Portions of the reserve are closed to public access.
San Elijo Lagoon ER	114	(858) 467-4201		•				San Diego Co. Hwy 5 north of Solana Beach. Exit Manchester Avenue to reserve.
Upper Newport Bay ER	115	(949) 640-9956		•	•	•	D	Orange Co. Newport Beach. Hwy 405 to Jamboree Exit. West on Jamboree to Back Bay Drive. Proceed W to reserve. Newport Bay Naturalists and Friends (949) 640-6746. Non-motorized boats permitted in designated areas only.

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Inland Deserts Region (6)



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Wildlife Areas								
Buttermilk Country WA	116	(760) 872-1171	•					Inyo Co. 12 mi W of Bishop on East Slope of Sierra Nevada
Camp Cady WA	117	(760) 872-1171	•					San Bernardino Co. 20 mi E of Barstow along Mojave River
East Walker River WA	118	(760) 872-1171	•	•	•			Mono Co. 6 mi N of Bridgeport along Hwy 182
Green Creek WA	119	(760) 872-1171	•	•				Mono Co. 8 mi S of Bridgeport on Hwy 395 to Green Creek Rd.
Imperial WA	120	(760) 359-0577	•	•	•	•	•	Imperial Co. East side of the Salton Sea on Hwy 111, 5 mi NW from Miland
Kelso Peak & Old Dad Mtns. WA	121	(909) 597-9823	•					San Bernardino Co. 12 mi SE of Baker, along Kelbaker Rd., within Old Dad Mts. WA E Mojave National Scenic Area
Marble Mountains WA	122	(909) 597-9823	•		•		•	San Bernardino Co. 2 mi NE of Amboy along Kelbaker Rd.
Pickel Meadow WA	123	(760) 872-1171	•	•				Mono Co. Sonora Pass; Sonora Jct., Hwys 108 and 395; across from US Marine training base
San Jacinto WA	124	(909) 654-0580	•			•	•	Riverside Co., 1/2 mi N of Lakeview on Davis Rd., E side of Peris Lake
Santa Rosa WA	125	(909) 597-9823	•					Riverside Co. 15 mi SW of Indio. Approximately 10 mi S of Indio on Hwy 86, take trail west to Martinez Canyon
Slinkard/Little Antelope WA	126	(760) 872-1171	•	•				Mono Co. S of Topaz Lake, W of Hwy 395 on Hwy 89
West Walker River WA	127	(760) 872-1171	•	•				Mono Co. Hwy 395 between Sonora Jct. (Hwy 108/395) and Walker
Ecological Reserves								
Baldwin Lake ER	128	(909) 597-9823	•		•	•		San Bernardino County. Hwy 18 east of Big Bear City. Reserve is at the intersection of Hwy 18 and Holcomb Valley Road on the north side of Baldwin Lake. Waterfowl hunting from boats only. Boats may only be used for waterfowl hunting.
By Day Creek ER	129	(909) 597-9823	•					Mono County. Hwy 395 about 4.5 mi west of Bridgeport, follow dirt road west of Bridgeport Ranger Station to the reserve.
Estelle Mountain ER	130	(909) 597-9823	•					Riverside County. Hwy 15 in El Cerrito. Exit Cajalco Road east. South on Lake Mathews Drive. South on Estelle Mountain Road to reserve, about 4 miles. Upland game hunting permitted.
Fish Slough ER	131	(909) 597-9823	•			•		Inyo and Mono Counties. Hwy 6 north of Bishop. Exit Jean Blanc Road west. North on Fish Slough Road for 2.5 mi. Reserve is on the east side of Fish Slough Road.
Indian Joe Spring ER	132	(909) 597-9823	•	•				Inyo County. Hwy 178. Reserve is 4 miles north of Trona, west of 178. Upland game hunting permitted.
Oasis Spring ER	133	(909) 597-9823	•					Riverside County. Hwy 111 on east side of the Salton Sea to Range Road. North on Range Road to reserve.
Piute Creek ER	134	(909) 597-9823	•					San Bernardino County. Hwy 95 10 mi south of junction with Hwy 163. West on graded utility road to reserve.
River Springs Lakes ER	135	(909) 597-9823	•	•				Mono County. Hwy 120 about 23 mi east of Mono Lake to River Springs Road. Northeast on River Springs Road for about 4 mi to reserve.
Saline Valley ER	136	(909) 597-9823	•	•				Inyo County. Hwy 190 about 25 mi east of Olancho. North on Saline Valley Road about 50 miles to Salt Lake and reserve.
San Felipe Creek ER	137	(909) 597-9823	•	•				Imperial County. Hwy 86 just south of junction with 78. Exit Old Kane Spring Rd west to reserve.
Santa Rosa Plateau ER	138	(909) 677-6951		•		•	D	Riverside County. Hwy 15 north of Temecula. Exit Clinton-Keith Rd. Proceed southwest 4 mi to Reserve. With the exception of guide animals, no pets are permitted.
West Mojave Desert ER	139	(909) 597-9823	•					San Bernardino County. Hwy 395 north of Kramer Junction (Hwys 58 and 395) about 7 miles. East on dirt road to reserve. Hunting permitted July 1 - Jan 31

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Outdoor Opportunities

Free Fishing Days:

Jun. 9 and Sept. 22, 2007

If you're new to the sport of fishing, and not sure if you will enjoy it, we have a great deal for you. The DFG offers two "Free Fishing Days" each year. That's right, you can fish without having to buy a license on free fishing days! They're a great, low-cost way to give fishing a try. Some Department offices even offer clinics on free fishing days! And we have a "Fishing in the City" program where you can go fishing in the middle of major metropolitan areas—maybe just a block or two from your home! "Fishing in the City" and free fishing day clinics are designed to educate people just like you about fish habits, proven methods of catching fish, and tackle you'll need. You can even learn how to clean and prepare your catch so you can enjoy it for dinner that night!

While all fishing regulations, such as bag and size limits, gear restrictions, fishing hours and stream closures remain in effect; there are two Saturdays each year where anyone can fish without purchasing a fishing license.

Remote Yuba River Fishing Access

The DFG and the University of California Sierra Foothill Research and Extension Center (UC SFREC) are pleased to provide anglers with fishing access on the lower Yuba River about 20 miles east of Marysville. The cooperative effort will provide a maximum of fifteen anglers per day access to a remote section of the lower Yuba River. The access site is located near Browns Valley CA, approximately 1 ½ miles upstream of the Hwy 20 bridge. Access allows anglers to fish both banks of the river, between the legal upstream and downstream UC SFREC property boundaries. In addition, anglers can launch car top boats, canoes, kayaks, rafts, and float tubes. Any floatation device used must be carried to the river, as boats requiring the use of a trailer are not allowed. Steelhead fishing in this section of the Yuba River is catch and release with barb less hooks.

Application: To enter the random draw, send a standard post card with: your name, the name of one additional applicant (if you choose), the address and phone number of the primary applicant, and the date you wish to fish to: Dept. of Fish and Game, Lower Yuba River Fishing Access, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670.

Fishing Dates: Apr. 22, May 19, May 20, Jun. 9, Jun. 10, Jul. 14, Jul. 15, Aug. 11 and Aug. 12. Entry cards must be received 15 days before the day you wish to fish. Successful entries will be notified at least 7 days before the desired fishing date. One entry card per date per person. Applicants under the age of 16 are not required to possess a fishing license. Please indicate on the entry card if you have been or plan to be off of the North American continent within 14 days prior to the date you wish to fish. For more info call (916) 358-2926.

Portola Rotary Club's Lake Davis Fishing Derby – June 9, 2007

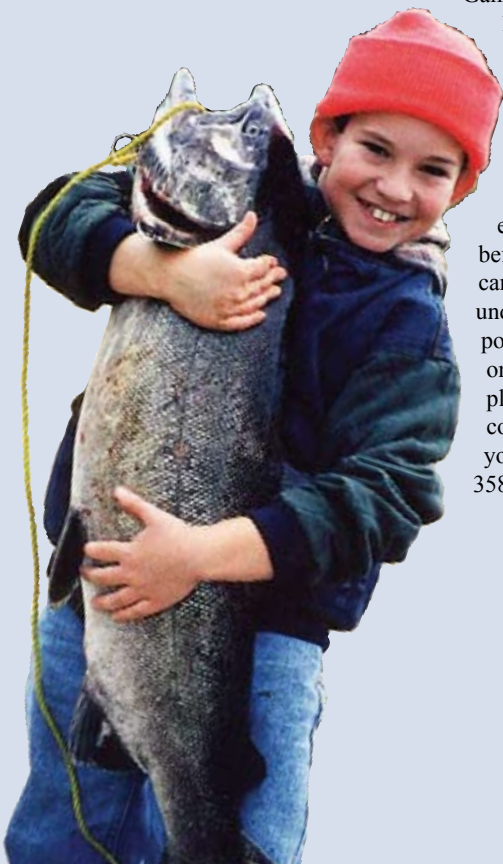
Saturday, Jun. 9, 2007 is the date for this popular annual event that offers guaranteed monetary prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places. Also includes prizes from local merchants and others! Entry fee is \$20 per person or \$10 for young people 15 and under. All proceeds will be used to provide scholarships and fund local community needs. This terrific community event gives all of us a great excuse to spend the day outdoors!

Pre-register by calling Portola City Hall at (530) 832-4216, or come by the Log Cabin Restaurant on Sierra Street in Portola after 5 PM on Friday, or you can sign up at the Lake on the day of the event.

Fishing and Hunting at Camp Roberts (near Paso Robles)

Pending base approval, the hunting and fishing program at Camp Roberts will open on Apr. 28. On that particular weekend pig, turkey and jackrabbit as well as trout fishing may be held. Trout are stocked in the Nacimiento River from the end of April to the end of September. Deer, pig, dove, rabbit, turkey, quail, and waterfowl hunting take place during the appropriate seasons of the year. Opening day for deer and pig hunting is by reservation only. Cost to hunt is 15 dollars daily or 55 dollars for a season pass. A fishing season pass is 15 dollars. Fees are subject to change. Hunters and anglers must have a California fishing and/or hunting license with appropriate stamps.

Permits are available for sale during hunting and fishing periods at the wildlife check station at Gate 3, located near the East Garrison exit from Hwy 101. Schedules, maps, and opening day reservation forms can be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope, along with your request, to the following address: California Army National Guard, HQ Camp Roberts, Attn: Hunting and Fishing Program, Camp Roberts, CA 93451-5000; or by visiting the Web site: www.calguard.ca.gov/cprbts Or call the Information Line recorded message at (805) 238-8167.





Volunteers Needed: Jr. Pheasant Hunt Volunteers, Turkey Callers

University of California Junior Turkey Hunt on Apr. 14, 15, 27, and 28, 2007. Each year the DFG and the University sponsor a turkey hunt for junior hunters on University property 20 miles east of Marysville. The DFG is looking for experienced turkey callers who would like to spend a day calling turkeys for a young hunter and their parent. You must be a patient person who is more interested in teaching the art of turkey hunting than necessarily bagging a turkey. There are lots of turkeys on the 5,700 acres of University property.

Junior Pheasant Hunts in Sutter County: Each year there is a junior pheasant hunt for about 500 youth on the last weekend of October (Oct. 27-28, 2007) and the first weekend in November (Nov. 3-4, 2007) about 20 miles north of Sacramento. Adult volunteers with or without trained bird dogs are urgently needed to plant the pheasants and act as monitors with small groups of junior hunters and their adults. If you have a trained bird dog, you can help a junior hunter without a dog get their first bird. Come help for a half day or the whole weekend.

If you can help out in any of these areas please contact DFG Wildlife Biologist Dale Whitmore at (530) 743-5068.

Suisun Marsh Field Day Saturday, Jun. 2, 2007

The California Waterfowl Association has organized an entertainment and information field day at the Grizzly Island Wildlife Area located 15 miles south of Fairfield. Take Hwy 12 to Grizzly Road and turn south to the wildlife area headquarters. Admission to the event is free, with a BBQ lunch and refreshments available at an additional charge. Event runs from 9AM-5PM. There will be a youth waterfowl calling contest as well as many other activities for the children. Wildlife artists, decoy carvers, dog trainers, duck callers, and manufacturer representatives will be some of the people on hand. For more info call CWA at (916) 648-1406.

Become a Volunteer... Gray Lodge Wildlife Area Wood Duck Nest Box Program

Here's your chance to contribute back to wildlife. Working closely with a section leader, you will experience wildlife up close. Don't miss this unique opportunity. Crews of two to three collect detailed data taken to understand and enhance the local wood duck population and other wildlife, including wrens, kestrels and owls. Although the work can be challenging at times, it is also a great deal of fun. Don't let these photographic moments pass you by. Maintenance checks are conducted every other week from March to July. Most section checks take 3-4 hours

There is an orientation meeting on Saturday, Mar. 17, 2007 from 9:00am to 1:00pm.

Wear comfortable clothes. We will check a few boxes at the end of the orientation. Space is limited, so make your reservation today! (530) 846-7505.

Bikes 'n Birds – Gray Lodge Wildlife Area

The Gridley Lions Club announces the sixth annual "Bikes 'n Birds" Bicycle tour at Gray Lodge Wildlife Area (west of Gridley). When: Saturday Mar. 31, start any time between 8:30 and 10:00 AM. Cost: \$15 per person, \$30 per family (t-shirts extra)

Previous participants were very enthusiastic about the unique combination of riding a bicycle through the gorgeous wildlife area and the rest stops at which Lions Club members provide nature interpretation.

Riders can choose from a short tour and a long tour. Both tours are mostly on paved or compacted dirt roads, which are not accessible to motor vehicles. The tours can be started at any time between 8:30 and 10:00 AM and can be completed at your own pace. Water and emergency services are provided.

The tour starts at the Gray Lodge Wildlife Area entrance on Pennington Road. Go west on Sycamore Street from Highway 99 in Gridley about 6 miles, and turn south (left) on Pennington Road for about 3 miles. Watch for the signs. Proceeds of the tour go to local and regional Gridley Lions Club projects such as youth vision improvement, other youth programs, and disaster relief. For more information, call (888) 857-2141 or visit: www.gridleylions.org

Free Wild Turkey Hunting Seminars

Chico - Chico Sportsmen's Den, 465 East 20th St. Seminar in early March. Speaker is Mike Walters from Hunter Specialties. He will discuss scouting, general turkey knowledge, locating turkeys, calling and camouflage. More Info: Contact Dave or Duane at (530) 891-5238.

Walnut Creek - Woolley's Sporting Life, 1684 Locust St. Seminar in early March. Please call to register. More Info: (925) 939-5455.

Sacramento: 10th annual free turkey hunting seminar on Saturday, Mar. 3, 2007, from 9AM – 4PM at the Dante Club, 2330 Fair Oaks Blvd in Sacramento. Just show up.

Archery Wild Pig Hunts at Lake Sonoma 2007/2008

Archery and crossbow hunting of feral pigs is permitted on about 10,000 acres of the US Army Corps of Engineer property at Lake Sonoma near Geyserville. Lake Sonoma is about 70 miles north of San Francisco and west of Highway 101. There are many hundreds of pigs estimated to be on the property. Hunting begins Nov. 6 and runs through Apr. 15, 2007. Archery and crossbow hunting for pigs is open on the following days: Nov. 6-10 (Dry Creek Arm Only), 13-17 (Warm Springs Arm Only), 20-30 (Both sides of the lake); Dec. 1-31 (Both sides); Jan. 1-31 (Both sides); Feb. 1-28 (Both sides); Mar. 1-30 (Both sides), closed on 31; Apr. 2,3 (Dry Creek Arm only), 4-6 (Warm Springs Arm only), 9-15 (both sides of the lake).

Procedures: All hunters check in at the visitor center by filling out a hunter information card located at the self-registration area of the visitor center. Maps of the open hunting areas are attached to the self-registration cards. Hunters turn in half of the card on entering and half on checking out if you hit a pig or would like to leave a comment; otherwise return of the card is not necessary. Hunters are required to display a valid hunting license on their person while in the field and have pig tags with them. Pigs are the only species to be hunted, dogs may not be used and no firearms may be in your possession while at Lake Sonoma. Shooting hours are the legal shooting hours for big game from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. For more information call the Lake Sonoma Visitor Center (707) 433-9483 ext. 27 or email joel.d.miller@spd02.usace.army.mil. Hunting maps and Calendars may be found at: <http://calfly.com/Sonoma2006-2007.htm>

Outdoor Opportunities

Special 2007 Spring Wild Turkey Hunts Scheduled at Lake Mendocino

A series of two junior and six general wild turkey hunts, by permit only, are scheduled to begin Mar. 27, 2007 at Lake Mendocino east of Ukiah. The U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (U.S.A.C.E.) is providing this hunting opportunity in cooperation with the California Department of Fish and Game. Five hunters will be drawn for each hunt. Boat-in access only. Junior Hunts: Saturday, Mar. 31st and Saturday, Apr. 14th. Junior hunters must possess a junior hunting license and must be accompanied by an adult of at least 18 years old. Two junior hunters may apply together on one application. No more than two hunters may apply on one application. Only the junior hunters may hunt.

General Hunts: Hunts dates are as follows: Apr. 3, 5, 7, 10 and 12. The general hunts are open to anyone with a California hunting license, have submitted an application, and have been drawn.

Applications: Applicants may apply for one hunt date only. Submit a standard Postal Service size post card (one or two hunters per card) with name, mailing address, telephone number, hunting license number, boat registration number (CF) or vessel description if exempt from registration, and the hunting date of choice. Incomplete applications or applications not following these guidelines will be

disqualified from the drawing. Mail to: Department of Fish and Game, Lake Mendocino Spring Turkey Hunt, P.O. Box 602, Willits, CA 95490. Successful applicants will be notified by mail.

Drawing: All applications must be received in the Department Mendocino\ Northern Lake County Unit office by Thursday, Mar. 1, 2007 for a drawing to be held on Friday, Mar. 2.

Access: Boat-in access is available from the south boat ramp (7 a.m.-sunset). Hunters may also launch at the north launch ramp at any time of day if they have already checked in at the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office. No vehicle or horse-in hunting will be allowed.

Check In: All successful applicants must check in at the U.S.A.C.E., 1160 Lake Mendocino Drive, Ukiah, CA 95482-9404, prior to their hunt. Selected participants for the two junior hunts and the one general hunt on the 7th of Apr. must check in the Friday preceding their hunt by 4:30 p.m., or from 7:30 a.m.-10 a.m. on the morning of their Saturday hunt. All other general hunters can check in the night before or the day of their hunt between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For any questions regarding the check-in process, camping, or hunt area access, please call the U.S.A.C.E. Park Office at (707) 462-7581.

Take Method: Shotgun or air rifles firing pellets and powered by compressed air or gas (0.20 caliber minimum) only.

Turkey Hunt at Englebright Lake for "Mobility Impaired Hunters"

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Englebright Lake (20 miles east of Marysville) is offering wild turkey hunting opportunities for "mobility impaired hunters". A "mobility impaired hunter" is defined as any person who has been issued a Department of Motor Vehicles, "disabled license plate, or permanent parking placard identification card", or a "Disabled Veteran" license plate, or a valid "Mobility Impaired Disabled Persons Motor Vehicle Hunting License" (FG form 1460).

The blue plastic "Disabled Parking Placard" may not be substituted for the required "Identification Card" which bears the name of the mobility impaired person. Disabled hunters must provide the registration certificate for DMV issued disabled license plates.

How to Apply: Send a note with the hunter's name, address, phone/hunting license numbers and a copy of proof of "mobility impairment." Send the letter to DFG, Englebright Lake MI Hunt, 1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A, Rancho Cordova, CA 95670 by Mar. 14, 2007. If you are late to apply, call (530) 743-5068 about openings.

List the following weekends in order of preference and availability: Mar. 31-Apr. 1; Apr. 7-8; 14-15; 21-22; 28-29; and May 5-6, 2007. Six hunters will be drawn.

Lyn Gomes, right, with her nephew Cory at the DFG Junior's and Women's pheasant hunt at the Stockton Sportsman's Club in Manteca. Both shot their first pheasants.



CWA Youth Camps Program Flies Higher in 2007

Beginning and advanced hunting skills, banding ducks, egg salvage, wood duck box building and monitoring, archery, rifle and shotgun shooting, CA DFG hunter education and much more are all part of the exciting CWA Youth Camps program for 2007. CWA's statewide youth camp program is coming to your area in 2007 with Outdoor Adventure Days, Shooting Clinics, Waterfowl Hunter Camps and Advanced Hunter Camps. Help CWA spread the traditions and passions of waterfowling, big-game and upland hunting to the next generation of hunters by signing up your kid today. The Youth Camps programs are designed for 10-15 year old youth.

Outdoor Adventure Days are one day events designed to introduce or advance youth outdoor recreational and conservation skills including archery, fly fishing, clay target shooting, wetlands, waterfowl and much more.

Kern Outdoor Adventure day – Apr. 14

Modesto CWA Youth day – Apr. 21

Suisun Marsh Field day – Jun. 2

Humboldt Bay NWR Outdoor Adventure Day – Aug. 25

Duck Calling Clinic in Durham - Sept. 22

Shooting clinics give youths instruction on firearm safety and effective shotgun, rifle and archery shooting techniques.

Cordova Shooting Clinic – Mar. 10

Birds Landing 'Carnival of Shooting Games' (youths and adults) – Jun. 9

Birds Landing Clays for Kids Day – Jun. 10

Coyote Valley Shooting Clinic – Aug. 18

Waterfowl Hunter or Advanced Hunter Camps involve 2-4 days of hunter skills training, including conservation, hands-on shooting, waterfowl, big-game and upland hunting, and much more to get youths ready to go next hunting season.

Mystic Lake Duck Club (near San Jacinto NWR) – Mar. 31 / Apr. 1

Rancho Esquon (near Chico) – May 18-20

Turk Station Hunter Camp (Coalinga)

– Jun. 19-23

Turk Station Advanced Hunter Camp (Coalinga) – Jun. 26-30

Mandeville Island (near Stockton)

– Jul. 20-22

Mandeville Island Advanced Hunter Camp – Jul. 27-29

Conaway Ranch (Woodland) – Aug. 3-5

Black Point (near Petaluma) – Sept. 8-9

For more information, to sign up, sponsor an event or volunteer to help, see www.calwaterfowl.org or call CWA at (916) 648-1406.



Photo courtesy of the National Wild Turkey Federation.

CWA Youth Shooting Day Camps (Beginning and Experienced) at Cordova Shooting Center

WHAT: California Waterfowl Association (CWA) is organizing a Shooting Day Camp to introduce youth to rifle, skeet, trap, and archery shooting. The event is sponsored in part by Cordova Shooting Center, Cabela's, The NRA Foundation and STEP OUTSIDE. **WHEN :** Saturday, March 10th at the Cordova Shooting Center, 11551 Douglas Blvd., Rancho Cordova. Event from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM is oriented for beginning shooters. Event from 1:00 – 4:30 PM is for experienced youth shooters.

WHAT'S UNIQUE: The shooting day camp provides a fun, safe, and low-pressure opportunity to get hands-on experience in recreational rifle and clay target shooting. Activities include: Rifle range, Trap range, and Skeet range. Cost is \$25 per person which includes expert instruction, ammo, targets, snacks and a CWA youth membership. All interested youth ages 10-17 are encouraged to attend. Pre-register by 3/8/07, limited registration on the event day. Call (916) 648-1406 to register. Guns will be provided or you can bring your own. More info at www.calwaterfowl.org.

DFG Offers Spring Outdoor Opportunities for Youth Interested in Archery

The DFG is offering three exciting archery classes this spring for youth at least 10 years old and accompanied by a parent or guardian.

Class 1: Saturday, Apr. 28, 2007; 9:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 per youth (parents and guardians are free). Where: Maya Archery Range, 750 Galleria Blvd, Roseville CA 95678

Class 2: June date to be announced. Time: 9:30 until 1:00 p.m. Cost: \$10 per youth (parents and guardians are free). Where: Nevada County Sportsmen Range, 11296 Banner Mountain Trail Road, Nevada City, CA 95959

Class 3: Saturday, Jul. 14, 2007, 9:30 – Noon. Cost: \$15 per youth (parents and guardians are free). Where: Loyalton CA– location to be announced.

Participants will "spring" their way into this exciting time of year learning some great beginning archery skills and spending time outdoors. Topics include: History of archery, safety, equipment choices, outdoor ethics and plenty of shooting time at a variety of bulls-eye targets.

All events include a barbecue lunch and snacks will be provided. Youth must

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be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Parents and guardians may also try their hand at shooting and there is no charge. These outdoor opportunities are co-sponsored by the California Bowmen Hunters/State Archery Association. All equipment will be provided.

Pre-registration is required for all events. Register online at: www.dfg.ca.gov/yo or call (916) 653-7748.

Advanced Hunter Education Workshops

The DFG, in partnership with other supporting organizations, is presenting the following workshops. For more info go online to www.dfg.ca.gov/huntclinics or call Susan Herrgesell at (530) 347-3980.

Please fill out a separate online form and send separate checks for each clinic. Reservations will be on a first come/first serve basis. Deadline for registrations, including fees, will be due two weeks prior to the workshop date. Make checks payable to: California Wildlife Foundation and send them to Dept. of Fish and Game, Advanced Hunter Ed Program, 601 Locust Street, Redding, CA 96001.

If you cannot go online, please send the following info: workshop name and date, your name, address, city, state and zip, phone #'s during day and evening and an e-mail address along with the check. You will receive an e-mail confirmation of your registration and, approximately two weeks prior to the clinic you will receive a packet of information containing directions to the property and a list of items you will need to bring.

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic – Apr. 28, 2007 at Fort Hunter Liggett. 25 miles west of King City in Monterey County. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods of locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and the final reward... wild pig recipes. We will be field dressing and skinning a pig and raffling it off at the end of the clinic. Cost: \$40.

Big Game Hunting Clinic - May 19-20, 2007 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property, Williams, CA. Are you new to big game hunting? Or, are you not as successful as you'd like to be? This two-day clinic will give you the hands-on information you need to be successful. The format will include four sessions, two on Saturday, two on Sunday covering (1) deer of California, areas to hunt, zones, etc., (2) hunting strategies, scouting, tracking, and recognizing signs, (3) equipment, shot placement, shoot-don't shoot scenarios, and (4) field dressing, butchering, and transporting. You will have the opportunity to attend all sessions. We will be camping on the property. Bring your own food and tent or RV. Space is limited. Cost: \$60

Wild Pig Hunting Clinic - Jun. 2, 2007 in Sonoma. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association and the Valley of the Moon Gun Club, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover biology, hunting considerations and

requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and, the final reward...wild pig recipes. Cost \$40.

Land Navigation & Survival Clinic

– Jun. 16-17, 2007 at the Shasta-Trinity National Forest, Bushytail campgrounds. The clinic will use curriculum designed to help every student learn and practice basic navigation skills. Lab exercises will develop the skills learned in the classrooms. The clinic will cover magnetic declination, the workings of a base plate compass, map reading, how to stay oriented naturally, taking bearings, using magnetic bearings, the map coordinate systems, and using the global positioning system. The survival portion of the clinic will cover kits, first aid, water-collecting techniques, fire starting, signaling, navigation, water crossing, shelter building, and essentials for any trip in the wilderness. Lots of hands-on experiences. Cost: \$60.

Pig Hunting Clinic – Aug. 4, 2007 at the Tejon Ranch in southern Kern County. In partnership with Pacific Coast Hunter Education Association and the Tejon Ranch, we bring you this exciting clinic which will cover pig biology, hunting considerations and requirements, methods of take, methods for locating wild pigs, hunting techniques, locations to hunt, care of game and the final reward...wild pig recipes. We will even venture out on the ranch and look for pig sign. Cost \$40.

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - Sept. 22, 2007 at the High Desert Hunt Club, near Gorman (south of Bakersfield). In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps, equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost \$40.

Upland Game Hunting Clinic - Sept. 29, 2007 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA. In partnership with Quail Unlimited, this clinic will include information about how to hunt pheasant, quail, and chukar. Topics will include history, habitat, food, range maps,



equipment, and hunting with or without a dog. There will be dog demonstrations, both pointers and flushers. Space is limited. Cost \$40.

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic – Sept. 22, 2007 at the Wilderness Unlimited Property in Williams, CA from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Learn waterfowling from one of the best at this comprehensive waterfowl clinic: Mike Carion, Assistant Chief of the DFG. And, John Hayden, scull boat manufacturer, will be there to demonstrate scull boating. Topics to be covered are concepts of decoy placement, blind design, ballistics, calling, duck ID, and safely. Space is limited. Cost \$40.

Waterfowl Hunting Clinic – Sept. 30, 2007 at the San Jacinto Wildlife Area, Riverside County. From duck calls to duck identification, this clinic has it all. In this clinic we will focus on calling, bird ID, ethics, etiquette, gauging distance, decoy placement, and ballistics. Space is limited. Cost \$40.

Workshops For Women

Becoming and Outdoors-Woman, California is offering workshops for women who want to learn outdoor skills in a safe, non-threatening environment. For more information about these and other workshops, visit www.bowca.org or call (530) 347-0227.

Wonder Valley Multi-Course Workshop: Three days, two nights. Oct. 19-21, 2007, Sanger, Fresno County, Cost: \$375. This popular workshop will be held at Wonder Valley Ranch Resort and Conference Center, approximately 30 minutes east of Fresno.

Here is your opportunity to learn the basics and receive hands-on training and experience in four different outdoor activities. Skills include archery, fly fishing, fly tying, bait fishing, map and compass, outdoor/Dutch oven cooking, shotgun and rifle shooting, knot tying, backpacking, kayaking, and more. Workshop instructors are certified in their specialized fields and include professional biologists, hunters, anglers, and other outdoor enthusiasts, all who specialize in providing exceptional training for women.

The workshop registration fee of \$375 covers all instruction, equipment, and supplies (except a fishing license required for open water fishing), three days and two nights lodging, seven hearty sit-down meals, two evening programs and entertainment, raffles, merchandise and more. The fun, the renewed confidence, the

camaraderie and the memories are all yours at no extra charge. Several photographers will be in attendance to provide lasting memories of a wonderful event. Registration deadline is Oct. 1, and the workshop is limited to the first 100 participants.

Cross-Country Skiing: Feb. 23-25, 2007, Rock Creek Lodge, near Mammoth Lakes. Instructor: Jan Huffstuffer, Number of participants: 25, Cost: \$325.

Experience a bit of heaven at Rock Creek Lodge near Mammoth Lakes on the eastside of the Sierra, an isolated backcountry cross country ski resort with up to 15 miles of groomed skiing. Accommodations include private mountain cabins with wood burning stoves, running water, bathrooms, and hot showers, a hearty breakfast in the morning, a family style dinner in a historic dining room in the evening and a Finnish sauna for the end of the day relaxation. And, of course, there's the cross-country ski instruction!

Jan Huffstetter and her staff will be instructing the workshop. All Instructors have PSIA (Professional Ski Instructors

Association) training, and have taught for several years. Instruction will start on Saturday morning and end on Sunday just before lunch.

Since there is no automobile access to the Lodge, you'll be transported via snowmobile, unloading at the door of your cabin.

The cost includes breakfast and dinner, transportation to and from the Lodge, all ski equipment including skis, boots and poles, and your trail pass. Not included are lunches and a Sno-Park permit (which may be purchased). However lunches may be purchased at the Lodge for your convenience. After your registration is received you will receive a confirming e-mail. Approximately two to three weeks prior to the workshop you will receive, by email, information about what to bring and directions to the facility.

Birding the Buttes: Mar. 2 - 4, 2007, Butte Sink and the Sutter Buttes, Colusa County. Instructor: Brian Williams. Number of participants: 20, Cost: \$175.

The Central Valley enjoys an abundance of bird life in the spring. This workshop is

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for the novice or experienced birder. You will learn to identify birds by their song or sound, habits, habitat, and appearance. We promise spectacular scenery with views of swans, geese, ducks, eagles, other raptors and more.

We will be staying in a premier hunting lodge just outside of Colusa at the foot of the Sutter Buttes. The accommodations are comfortable in a relaxing atmosphere. The bunkhouse has dormitory-style sleeping accommodations with shower and toilet facilities. We will use the spacious kitchen to prepare our food.

Birding binoculars, field guides and spotting scopes will be provided. Those who wish to stay Friday evening at the lodge are welcome. We will provide dinner on Saturday night and water to keep you hydrated. You are responsible for your food other than Saturday night.

After your registration is received you will receive a confirming email. Approximately two to three weeks prior to the workshop you will receive, by e-mail, information about what to bring and directions to the facility.

Map, Compass & GPS: Apr. 13-15, 2007, Joshua Tree National Park. Instructors: Dave and Joyce Effinger. Number of participants: 20. Cost: \$135.

Come join us for this exciting two-day workshop. Joshua Tree National Park reveals a fascinating variety of plants and animals that make their home in this land of climatic extremes. Dark night skies, a rich cultural history, and surreal geologic features add to the attraction of this place.

The workshop curriculum is designed to help every student learn and practice basic navigation skills. There will be class work

and lab exercises that develop the skills learned. The workshop will cover magnetic declination, the workings of a baseplate compass, map reading, how to stay oriented naturally, taking bearings, using magnetic bearings, the map coordinate systems, and using the Global Positioning System (GPS). Days are typically clear with less than 25 percent humidity. Temperatures are most comfortable in the spring and fall, with an average high/low of 85 and 50°F (29 and 10°C) respectively.

We will be camping in beautiful Indian Cove Campground so you'll need to bring your camping gear and your food for Friday night and a sack lunch for Saturday. Saturday breakfast and dinner and Sunday breakfast and lunch will be provided. Cooking teams will be selected and each team will prepare one meal for the whole group. Sunday's lunch will be portable for those who have to take theirs "to go." Beverages will be provided. Toilet facilities are available.

BOW Fundraiser: Apr. 27 - 29, 2007, River Ridge Ranch, Tulare County. Number of Participants: 75. Cost: \$100 per person or \$175 for two – couples welcome. This is Becoming An Outdoors-Woman, California's first real fundraiser and the first time we've said "bring along your significant other or just a friend!"

We will be camping at River Ridge Ranch, a unique combination of working cattle ranch, recreation and education guest ranch in oak savannah foothills of the western Sierra Nevada. The environmentally-conscious 722-acre ranch contains miles of interpretive nature trails. River Ridge Ranch is just three hours north of Los Angeles, two miles off Hwy 190 outside Springville, CA.

There's no schedule for this weekend so you are free to relax and enjoy the company, go hiking along the trails to Lumreau Mountain, bird watch, or sit in on the interesting demonstrations, including: techniques and tips for easy, enjoyable camping; equipment demonstrations; and Dutch oven cooking. Accommodations will be camping with a tent, a camper or RV.

After your registration is received you will receive a confirming e-mail. Approximately two to three weeks prior to the workshop you will receive, by email, information about what to bring and directions to the facility. Check out the ranch at www.river-ridge.net and sign up soon. Space is limited.

Drawing on Nature: May 4-6, 2007, Yosemite. Instructor: Bill Peters. Number of participants: 30. Cost: \$250.

Picture yourself sitting below Half Dome or Bridal Veil Falls creating a memory all your own. If you ever wanted to learn to draw or better your skills, don't miss this comprehensive workshop. The famed wildlife artist, Bill Peters, will be our instructor for this drawing class in Yosemite. Using pencil, pen, or chalk, Bill's talent and technique will have you drawing a leaf, a feather, and Half Dome before the weekend's end!

We will be staying at the beautiful Yosemite Bug, a classic rustic resort. Rooms are dormitory style, and we will enjoy delicious meals at the Yosemite Bug café. Arrival time is 3:00 p.m. Friday and departure is Sunday after lunch. All lodging & meals are included. Check out the accommodations at www.yosemitebug.com.

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Fly Fishing: May 25-27, 2007, Fresno County Sportsmen's Club. Instructors: Sally Stoner & Deb Cox. Number of participants: 25. Cost: \$200.

Fresno County Sportsmen's Club has generously offered us their facility to host this awesome workshop. With the San Joaquin River running along the back of the property and a large pond near the lodge, it is the perfect place for Sally Stoner and Deb Cox to teach 20 lucky women to fly fish.

Sally and Deb, authors of *Shared Treasures – A Journal of Friendship and Fly Fishing*, and Master Instructors, will take you from assembling the rod to the proper way to release the fish.

We will be camping on the property. You can bring a tent, a camper or an RV. We will have use of the kitchen to prepare our meals or you can bring a camp stove. We provide all fishing equipment – rods, reels, leader, tippet, and flies. We will also provide water to keep you hydrated. You are responsible for your food. This class is for beginners to intermediate. After your registration is received you will receive a confirming email. Approximately two to three weeks prior to the workshop you will receive, by email, information about what to bring and directions to the facility.

Hiking Poles Field Seminar: Jun. 2, 2007, Mount Tamalpais State Park. Instructor: Jayah Faye Paley. Number of participants: 14. Cost: \$50.

The seminar, led by Jayah Faye Paley (creator of the Award-winning DVD *Poles for Hiking, Trekking & Walking – Techniques and Tips for ALL ages and Abilities*, www.adventurebuddies.net), will be held at Mount Tamalpais in Marin County – a premier destination for hiking in Northern California featuring some of the most incredible hiking on the planet.

Hiking poles (also known as trekking poles or walking sticks) are becoming increasingly popular as hikers and walkers are discovering their many positive benefits.



Used correctly, you'll achieve optimal use. In this seminar, you will learn to reduce knee stress on downhill, achieve more power on uphill, improve performance and stability on all terrain, avoid hand/wrist/elbow/shoulder strain, convert energy into an upper body/core workout, recruit more muscles while walking while facilitating fat burning and weight loss, improve posture, prevent injury, efficiently adjust pole length, pole care, equipment discussion and more.

Multi-level training and drills appropriate for all levels – hikers, trekkers, walkers and people with balance issues. Easy pace, plenty of opportunities to practice using poles on a wide variety of terrain. You'll learn many tips that will enable you to expand your hiking horizons and more safely and completely enjoy your outdoor experience.

Personal Self-Defense & Wilderness

Survival: Jun. 15-17, 2007. Fresno County Sportsmen's Club. Instructors: Kathryn Doi, Penny Carlo, Jodie Asher. Number of participants: 30. Cost: \$200.

Your own personal safety is what this workshop is all about. Join Sensei Kathryn Doi, Jodie Asher and Penny Carlo to learn about personal self defense. All three highly awarded and nationally recognized black belt instructors will take you through the steps of personal protection, from awareness to action. Beginner level instruction - suitable for any physical ability. And then learn how to survive in the wilderness. We will cover different survival kits for various terrains, wilderness first aid, techniques for collecting water, fire starting, signaling, water crossing, shelter building and the essentials for any trip in the wilderness. You will receive your very own survival kit.

This information and action-packed two-day workshop will be hosted by the Fresno County Sportsmen's Club. The accommodations are camping – with a tent, a camper, or RV. We will have use of the kitchen to prepare our meals or you can bring a camp stove. We will provide your water for the weekend to keep you hydrated.



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A Day at the Range: Jun. 23, 2007, Livermore-Pleasanton Rod and Gun Club. Instructors: Mike Otto & Jennifer Ikemoto. Number of participants: 30. Cost: \$125.

Find out why more and more women are taking up the thrilling sport of shotgunning. Range masters will instruct you in firearm safety, types of ammunition, getting a good fit, and cleaning and maintaining your shotgun. You will get lots of practice breaking clays. This class may be for you if you are considering taking up shooting as a hobby or if you are interested in hunting. This course will help prepare you for your Hunter Safety class. All equipment will be provided – shotguns, ammo, and clays.

Map, Compass & GPS: Jul. 13-15, 2007, El Dorado National Forest. Instructors: Monte & Julie Hendricks. Number of participants: 25. Cost: \$125.

Have you ever thought that a compass was something too complicated for you to understand or just always wanted to know how to use one but never had the time?

Well, for all of you who are directionally challenged or not, Monte and Julie Hendricks are offering you this opportunity to put your fears to rest. There is nothing “magical” or complicated about it. You will learn that the compass is your friend and that maps are easy when you have all of the information.

We will be camping along beautiful Loon Lake. You will need to bring your camping gear and your food. We will provide beverages. Toilet facilities and hot showers are available.

Fly Fishing: Sept. 21-23, 2007, Bidwell Ranch, Shasta County. Instructors: Wilderness Unlimited Fly Fishing Instructors. Number of Participants: 25. Cost: \$200.

Wilderness Unlimited has offered us this spectacular opportunity. Bidwell Ranch, near Burney, is a privately owned ranch with five crystal clear ponds that are fed by Lost Creek and home to native trout. Accommodations are campsites and inside toilet facilities. We will provide the

hot showers with our pop-up showers. The five instructors are world renowned and provide individual attention. This comprehensive workshop covers all of the basics of fly fishing; casting, reading the water, entomology, conservation, fly tying, knots, landing and releasing and plenty of hands-on practice. This class is for beginners.

Pheasant Hunt: December 2, 2007, Williams (Colusa County) Wilderness Unlimited Property. Number of Participants: 12. Cost: \$125.

Whether you hunt behind a pointer or a flusher, the excitement is overwhelming; walking the fields, hearing the crackle of stubble beneath your boots, watching the dogs on the trail of a wily pheasant. We have limited space for this hunting workshop. All equipment will be provided. You will need a California hunting license with an Upland Game Stamp. We will meet at the club house at 7:00 a.m. for coffee and a continental breakfast before the hunt.



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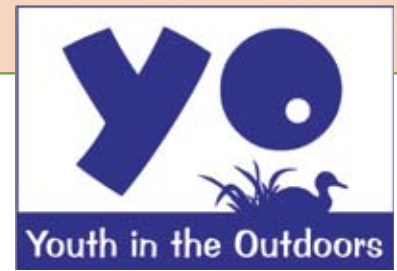
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- 3-4 Mendocino Whale Festival, Mendocino County. (707) 964-0898 www.mendocinocoast.com/memberpages/chamber.html
- 10 CWA Youth Shoot, Cordova Shooting Center, Sacramento County. (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
- 15 CA Junior Duck Stamp Contest Deadline, Statewide. (530) 934-2801, (916) 648-1406 www.caljrduckstamp.org
- 17-18 Fort Bragg Whale Festival, Mendocino County. (707) 964-0898 www.mendocinocoast.com www.pointcabrillo.org/events
- 24-25 Santa Barbara Whale Festival, Santa Barbara County. (805) 897-3187 www.santabarbara.com/events/
- 30-4/1 Aleutian Goose Festival, Del Norte County. (800) 343-8300 www.aleutiangoosefestival.org
- 31 Gray Lodge Clean Up and Field Day, Gray Lodge Wildlife Area. (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
- 31-4/1 CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp, Mystic Lake Duck Club, Riverside County. (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
- 31-4/1 Junior Wild Turkey Hunts, Kern County. (559)243-4005 ext. 133 www.dfg.ca.gov/wmd

April 2007

- 5-8 Redwood Coast Whale & Jazz Festival, Mendocino County. (800) 778-5252 www.redwoodcoastchamber.com
- 7 Earth Day, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. (916) 264-5888 www.saczoo.com
- 13-15 California Desert Nature Festival, Riverside County. Free (760) 341-9312 www.californiadesertnaturefestival.com
- 14 CWA /Kern NWR Outdoor Adventures Day, Kern County. (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
- 14 Wild on Wetlands, Merced County. Free (800) 336-6354, (209) 826-2495 www.losbanos.com/wow.htm
- 20-22 Godwit Days, Humboldt County. (800) 908-9464 www.godwitdays.com
- 20-28 Creek Week Clean Up Celebration, Sacramento County. Free (916) 482-8377 www.sacto-ucc.org
- 21 CWA Modesto Youth Event (916) 648-1406 www.calwaterfowl.org
- 21-22 Heron Days, Clearlake State Park, Lake County. (707) 279-4293 www.parks.ca.gov
- 21-22 Bowhunter Course, Yolo County. (916) 203-9959 AL_Rafferty@yahoo.com
- 21 Creek Clean Up, Elk Grove. Free (916) 405-5303 www.egcsd.ca.gov/rec
- 22 Day of the Child/Earth Day, Santa Cruz County. Free (831) 728-6183 www.ci.watsonville.ca.us
- 22 Earth Day Celebration, Santa Barbara County. (805) 963-0583 www.santabarbara.com/events/earthday
- 27-30 Kern Valley Spring Nature Festival Festival, Kern County. <http://kern.audubon.org/bioregion.htm>
- 28 Maya Youth Archery Clinic, Placer County. Location: Maya Archery Range, 750 Galleria Blvd, Roseville CA 95678
Cost: \$15 per youth (parents and guardians are free)
- 28 Riparian Rabbit Festival, San Joaquin NWR, San Joaquin County. (209) 826-3508

May 2007

- 3-6 Bowhunter/Hunter Education Course, Yuba County. (530) 671-9250 wylliefamily@sbcglobal.net
- 5 South Bay Bird Festival, Santa Clara County. (408) 262-5513 www.fws.gov/desfbay
- 5 Wings of Spring, Sacramento Zoo, Sacramento County. (916) 264-5888 www.saczoo.com
- 11-13 Spring Wings Bird Festival, Fallon, Nevada. (775) 428-6452 www.springwings.org
- 12 Gray Lodge Jr. Fishing Derby, Butte County. (530) 846-3264
- 18-19 Bowhunter Course, Sacramento County. (916) 723-6792 mooreroht@msn.com
- 18-20 CWA Weekend Waterfowl Camp, Rancho Esquon, Butte County. (916) 648-1406
- 19 Walk on the Wildside, Sacramento County. Free (916) 775-4421 www.stonelakes.org/use/wow.htm
- TBA Tule Lake Migratory Bird Festival, Siskiyou County. (530) 667-3121 www.tulelakecalifornia.org/waterfowlfest.html

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SPECIAL "JUNIOR" TURKEY HUNT - Spring 2007

April 14th, 15th, 28th, 29th

University of California

Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center

8279 Scott Forbes Road

Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636

1. This junior turkey hunt is sponsored by the U.C. Sierra Foothill Research & Extension Center and the Department of Fish and Game Gamebird Heritage Program. Hunters will be selected by lottery. The cost is \$20.00 per hunter (no cost until selected). A current junior hunting license will be required. Each junior hunter, or junior hunting party, must be accompanied by a non-hunting adult.

2. A drawing will be held on **March 9, 2007**. If your name is drawn, you will receive notification by March 17th. Only one application per junior hunter. Up to two junior hunters may be selected together as partners and they should submit their applications together (indicate partner's name on your application). **It is important to read the application carefully, follow all the instructions, and print neatly.**

3. **Policy Statement** - If you participated in this hunt last year (April 2006), you will not be eligible to participate in this year's program. This will give more junior hunters an opportunity to participate in this program. If you still possess a Jr. License next spring, you will be eligible once again.

4. An orientation tour of the area is available (recommended) the evening before each hunt, but is not mandatory. You will be able to scout your assigned area that evening, following orientation, until dark.

5. If you have any questions, call Dale Whitmore, Department of Fish and Game at (530) 743-5068. Applications may be copied for others interested in the lottery.

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(Complete this section and return -- **Please print neatly**)

Name: _____ Partner's Name (if any) _____
(Partner must submit separate application)

Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Area Code _____ Home Phone _____

If available, would you like an experienced turkey hunter to accompany you and your adult companion?
YES NO Circle One

Date Choice: April 14 _____, April 15 _____, April 28 _____, April 29 _____
(Mark 1, 2, 3, & 4 for date preferences, 1 for first choice, 4 for last, and N/A for dates not available)

Mail to: U.C. Junior Turkey Hunt, 8279 Scott Forbes Road, Browns Valley, CA 95918-9636 (or)
Fax to: (530) 639-2419 (if faxing application, do not use pencil)

Illegible or incomplete applications will be disqualified.

2007 GAME BIRD HERITAGE SPECIAL TURKEY HUNT APPLICATION

California Department of Fish & Game
North Central Region

Please check the boxes below for the hunts you would like to attend. You may apply for multiple dates and locations but you will only be drawn for one turkey hunt per season. Do Not apply more than once for any one hunt or you will be disqualified.

This section must be complete and legible to qualify for the drawing. You may apply as a party of four, as long as all hunter's names and current valid hunting licenses appear.

Name: _____ License #: _____ Contact Address & Phone #: _____
 Name: _____ License #: _____ _____
 Name: _____ License #: _____ zip: _____
 Name: _____ License #: _____ () _____

SPENCEVILLE WILDLIFE AREA

Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
40	March 31	March 7	
40	April 1	March 7	
40	April 4	March 7	
40	April 7	March 7	
40	April 8	March 7	

OROVILLE WILDLIFE AREA

Three 2-day hunt periods	Quota	Dates	Deadline	Check to Apply
	15	March 31-April 1	Mar. 7	
	15	April 14-15	Mar. 7	
	15	April 28-29	Mar. 7	

DAUGHERTY HILL WILDLIFE AREA

* You can apply for any or all of the units

Total Quota	Dates	Deadline	Daugherty Hill Unit (Quota 12)	Donovan Hill Unit (Quota 7)	Darby Road Unit (Quota 2)
21	March 31	March 7			
21	April 1	March 7			
21	April 4	March 7			
21	April 7	March 7			
21	April 8	March 7			

* For the U.C. Field Station Junior Hunt at Browns Valley, please call 530-743-5068 for an application or look for one in the Spring 2007 Tracks/Wing Beat News. Dates are April 14, 15, 28, 29th, 2007.

Information on the hunts:

- No refills or exchanges on hunt dates.
- You will receive a map and more info, once drawn.
- Spenceville WA will be closed to all other uses during the 9 day reservation only hunt period
- Spenceville and Daugherty Hill WA's will be open everyday to the public for spring turkey hunting after the 9 day reservation only hunt period
- Wild turkey hunting on the Oroville WA is only in the spring by reservation.
- Multiple applications for the same hunts will be disqualified.
- Non-shooters are allowed but do not need to be listed.

Mail to: Department of Fish and Game
GBH Special Hunts
1701 Nimbus Road, Suite A
Rancho Cordova, CA 95670
Info Line: 916-358-2839

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